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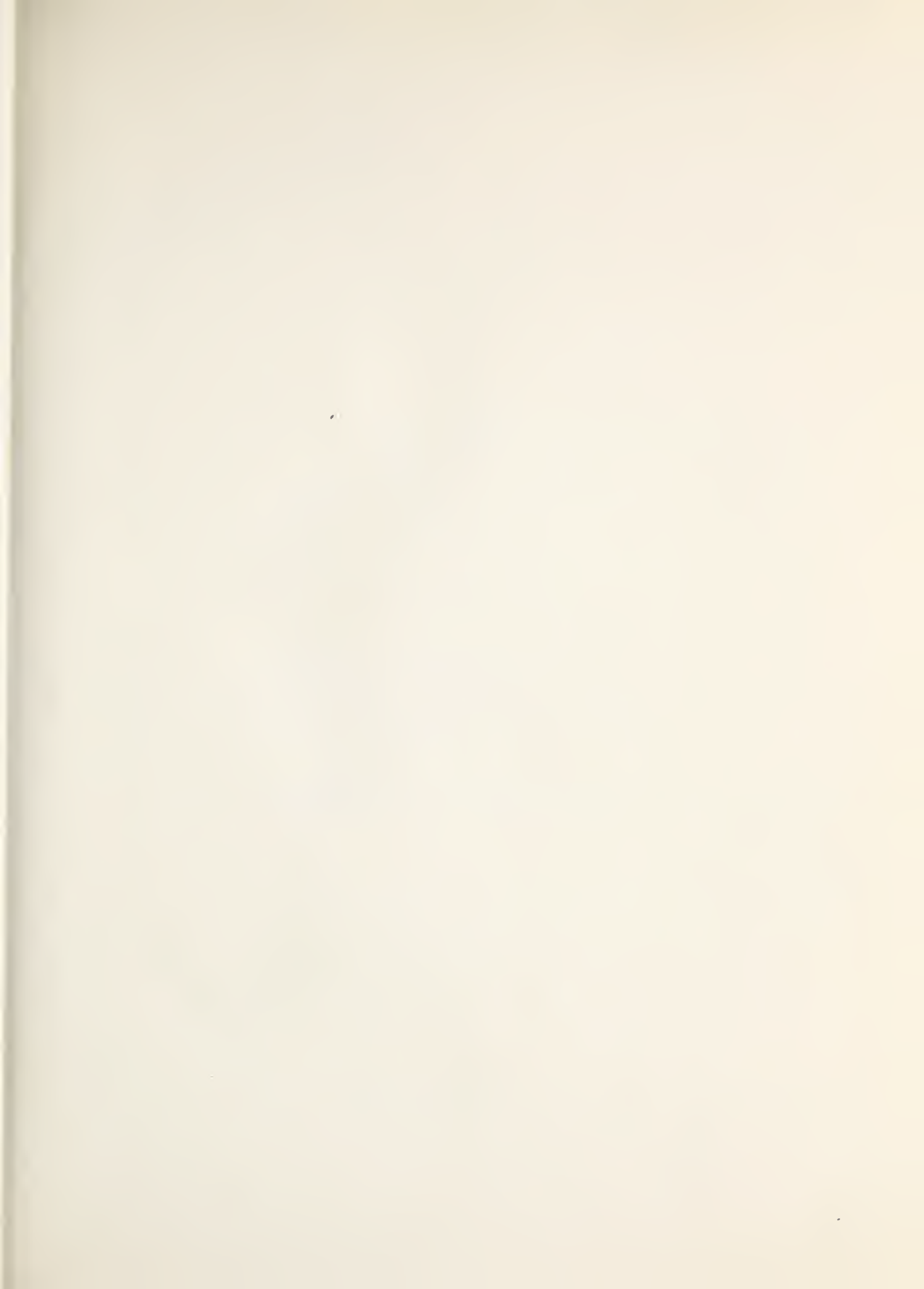


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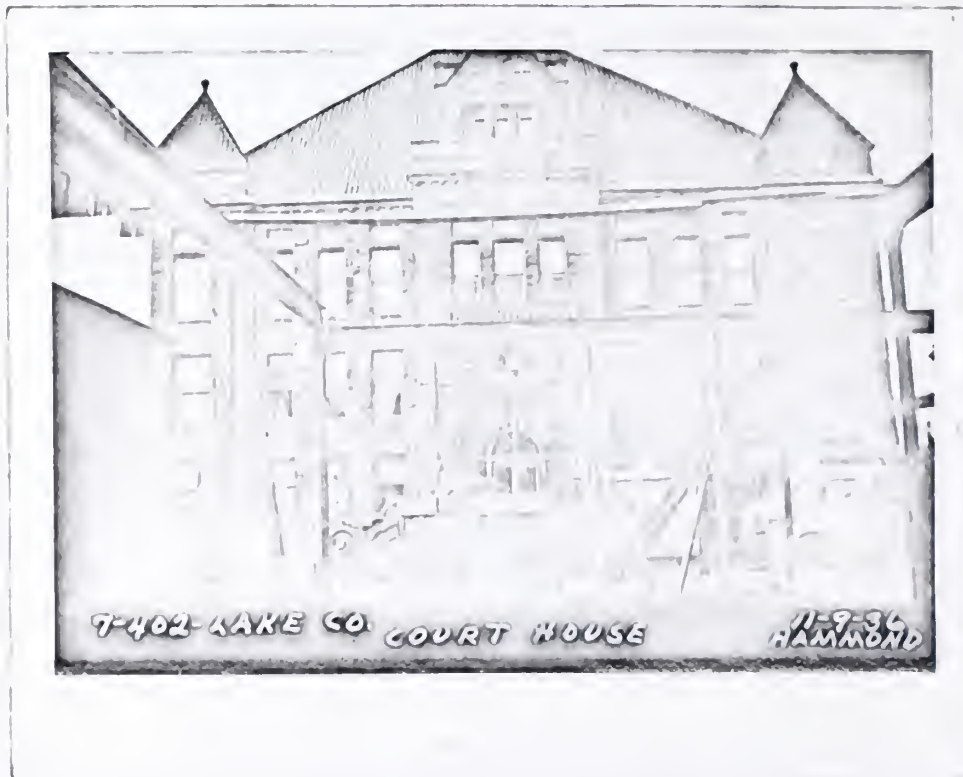
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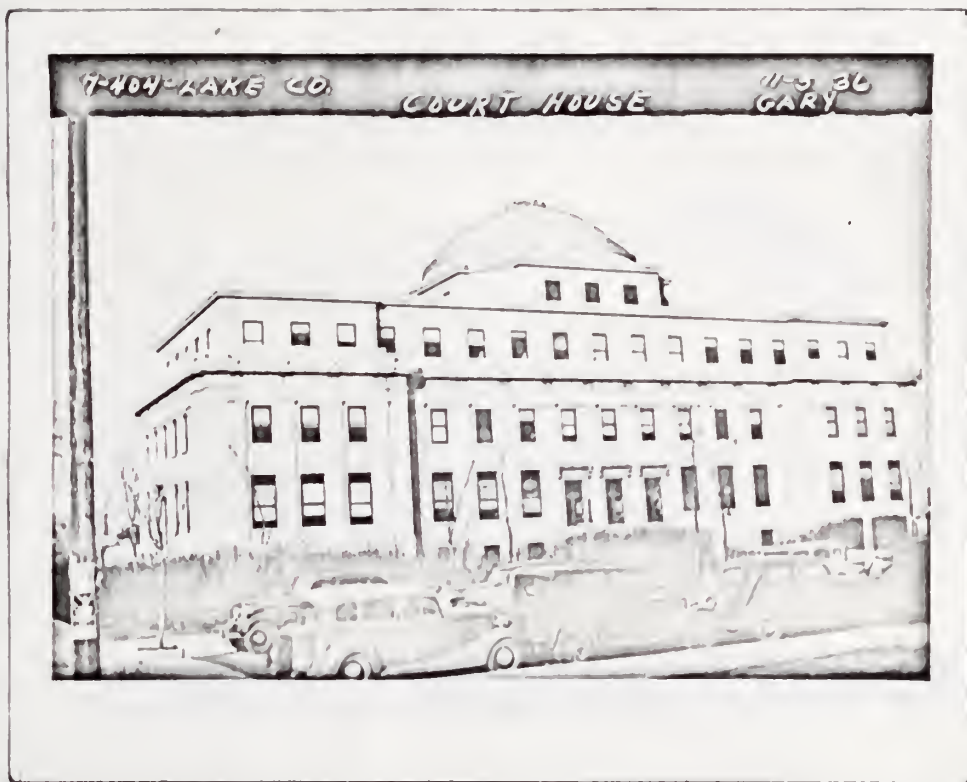
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PREFACE

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This inventory of Lake County records constitutes a part of a general guide to the county archives of Indiana, prepared by the Historical Records Survey of this state, a project under the Works Progress Administration. It is published for the primary purpose of furnishing officials, students of history, lawyers, genealogists, and all citizens of the county with a convenient tool in consulting the county records.

It is our intention to present a complete and concise picture of the records in bibliographical form. The inventory proper is preceded by a number of introductory sections to enlighten the reader concerning facts forming the background and basis for the records. The entries for the record series are carried in consecutive numbering for the county. The bureaus are arranged in functional order: Governing boards; judicial offices; major administrative offices; financial, educational, health, engineering, and miscellaneous groups. Wherever applicable, natural groupings under subject headings are made within the bureau, and the entries arranged also according to their functional sequence. A cross-reference index following the inventory will help the reader locate records with the least effort.

It is hoped that the information contained in these inventories will encourage county officials as well as the general public to take greater interest in continued improvement of methods for preservation of public records. It is also hoped that the information herein presented concerning the records, their present housing, care, and accommodations for users, will prove of value to citizens and public officials.

Proface

This survey of records of Lake County was made during the period from March 9 to June 15, 1936, under the supervision of Samuel J. Kagan, State Director; Mrs. Naomi Phillips, District Supervisor; and L. B. Fowler, Research Editor. The field workers, Earl Sailor, Alexander Evans, Henry Kipplinger, and Leslie Gumbiner, all of Gary; Archie Horitz, and Herman Lightrap, of Valparaiso; Ethel Vinnedge, of Creston; and Joseph O'Day, of Cedar Lake, cleaned and rearranged records in the auditor's basement vault, Room 115, and in the treasurer's basement vault, in the Lake County courthouse at Crown Point, in addition to making an inventory of all county archives.

The Historical Records Survey of Indiana is a part of the national project of this name. Indispensable cooperation was received from county and state, to make this survey successful. The Writers' Project gave valuable assistance to our field workers and the State Planning Board furnished the county map.

Acknowledgment should go to the State Office force of the Survey for checking, condensing, compiling, and editing the Lake County Inventory.

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Historical Records Survey

FOREWORD

A guide to county and township records in Indiana has long been needed by both local officials and the general public. The Works Progress Administration project called the Historical Records Survey is the first attempt to supply this need. Few more useful fields of employment could have been found than the survey of local and state historical records, even though the work inevitably presented unusual difficulties. The completion of the survey of historical records in Indiana is a source of genuine satisfaction.

We are indebted first of all to the Works Progress Administration for providing for the survey and financing it. The National Director of the project, Dr. Luther H. Evans, assured a fruitful product of the work by ably outlining it and drafting the forms to be used by the field workers so as to insure the greatest completeness with the least likelihood of errors. He and his assistants have done all that was possible for this nation-wide survey. Samuel L. Kagan, State Director of Indiana, deserves great credit for his energy and ability in organizing the office and field forces which have carried out the project. To assemble and organize more than one hundred and fifty persons in a new line of work in which there were very few local precedents, and to complete a survey of the county records in all the ninety-two counties, including the townships, at first, seemed almost impossible of accomplishment within a year. It has, however, been accomplished.

Foreward

An advisory committee has helped guide work upon the project; though no meetings were held, its members in many instances were a great help. A word of appreciation must be recorded here for the county officers who courteously gave the representatives of the survey access to the records in their offices and cooperated in the making of the survey. Especially is the state indebted to those officers who made possible the photographing of old records for preservation in a central depository.

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and

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Historical Records Survey.

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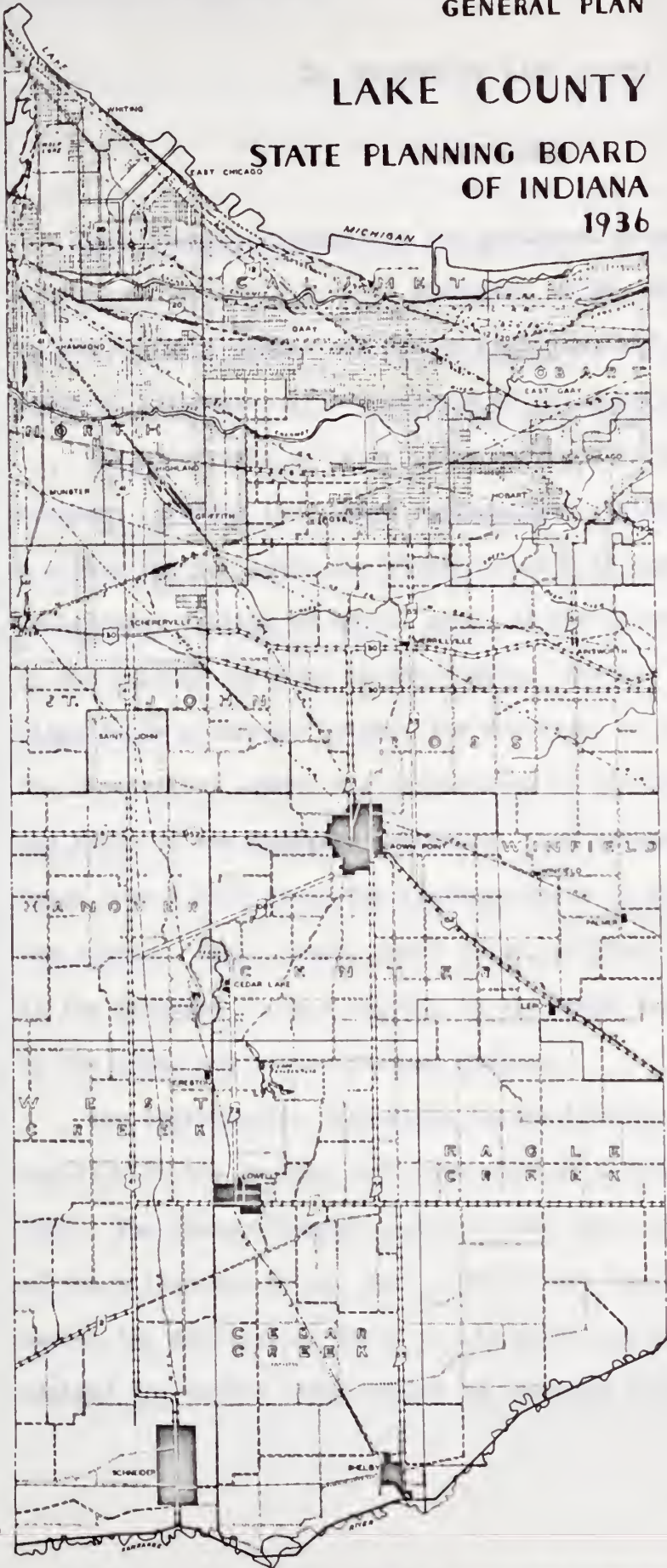
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GENERAL PLAN

LAKE COUNTY

STATE PLANNING BOARD
OF INDIANA
1936



LEGEND

- STATE AND U.S. HIGHWAYS
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- APPROVED ROADS
- DIRT ROADS
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1837-1936

Lake County, situated in the northwest corner of the state, is bounded on the north by Lake Michigan, on the east by Porter County, on the south by Jasper and Newton Counties, and on the west by the State of Illinois. It has an area of 492 square miles.

The topography of Lake County presents varied features. In the northern portions, low, sandy, unproductive plains predominate, while a little farther south are stretches of rich agricultural lands. Tablelands, rolling or level, south of the Little Calumet River make up the central portions of the county. Farther south, a divide or ridge forms a barrier between the waterways of the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River; the tributaries of the Calumet flow northward and those of the Kankakee southward. Low marshes and drained bottom lands form a belt along the Kankakee River in the southern part of the county. Eagle Creek, Cedar Creek, and West Creek are tributary to the Kankakee in this region; in the north the county is drained by the Grand and Little Calumet Rivers.

The relationship of Indiana to the history of the United States begins with the landing and settlement of the English at Jamestown in 1607. The French founded Quebec a year later and began the exploration of the wilderness to the west. The French explorer, La Salle, descended the Mississippi River to its mouth and on April 9, 1682, claimed the entire river valley in the name of France, calling it

Louisiana. This included the State of Indiana. By 1719, French trading posts had been established on the present sites of Vincennes, Fort Wayne, and Lafayette. Economic rivalry between the French and English for the possession of the Ohio and Mississippi Valleys led to the French and Indian War, ending in the Treaty of Paris, February 10, 1763, by which Louisiana was ceded to Great Britain, thus becoming a part of the colony of Virginia. On December 9, 1778, a large region including Indiana was organized into Illinois County. After the successful termination of the American Revolution, Virginia ceded this vast empire to the United States Government, and henceforth it was known as the Northwest Territory. Indiana Territory was formed in 1800, from which the present state was carved out in 1816 and admitted to the Union.

Across the strip of ground lying between the foot of Lake Michigan and the Kankakee River ran ancient Indian trails of importance, historic "short-cuts" from the lands of the Miami, Potawatomi, Sacs, and other Indian tribes, to the prairies of the Illini and Sioux. The Indians migrating from the northeast to the west used this route for generations. Within the present area of Lake County, the most famous Indian route was known as the Sac Trail, crossing the county in a southwesterly direction to Joliet in the State of Illinois. Another trail from the east, much used by the Potawatomi, followed the shores of Lake Michigan and led to Fort Dearborn (Chicago). At this time, the Potawatomi were the most numerous of the Indian tribes in northwestern Indiana, and in Lake County their favorite hunting

grounds were in the neighborhood of Red Cedar Lake and along the Kankakee River. As late as 1834, an Indian village, called McTwinn's Villago, was located south of Turkey Creek on the present site of Merrillville. Nearby was the best-known Indian burial ground in the county, containing about one hundred graves; another large burial ground was situated at Big White Oak Island in the Calumet region.

The United States Government purchased from the Potawatomi a ten-mile strip of land on the northern boundary line of the state in 1828, and by the Treaty of 1832 the remainder of the land in northwestern Indiana and Lake County was acquired by the United States Government from the Indians. The county was then laid out into congressional townships and sections by United States surveyors in the summer of 1834.

Fur traders--Indian, French, English, and American--were located within the area now comprising Lake County at different periods; and during the early years of the nineteenth century representatives of all these nationalities were engaged at the same time in that profitable occupation. The period from 1832 to 1840 witnessed the gradual disappearance of the red man and the settlement of the county by white pioneers, who cultivated the land and engaged in various trades.

The first permanent white settler was William Ross, who built a cabin southwest of the present site of Hobart and a little west of the Deep River. The exact date of Ross's settlement is unknown, but he raised a corn crop, the first in the county, in the summer of 1833. The next June, William B. Crooks and Samuel Miller built a mill near

the cabin of William Ross, not far from the mouth of Turkey Creek. Thomas Childers filed a claim for land on the Deep River in October 1834; and the next month Solon Robinson, Luman A. Fowler, and Robert Wilkinson took up land on the banks of the same stream. In December, Jesse and David Pierce filed claims on both Deep River and Turkey Creek. Robinson and Fowler along with a few others, founded the town of Crown Point and were prominently identified with the early history of Lake County.

Lake County was formed out of lands attached to Newton and Porter Counties by an act of the general assembly, approved January 28, 1836, but remained unorganized until January 18, 1837, when an act providing for the organization of the county was passed. The act forming the county provided that "all that part of the county that lies north of the Kankakee River, and west of the county of Porter, within the State of Indiana" shall be called Lake County. (Acts 1836 general, p. 51.)

On March 8, 1923, the general assembly defined the boundaries of Lake County as "beginning on Lake Michigan where the center line of range seven west intersects the same, thence south to the Marble Powers ditch, thence down the middle of the channel of the same to the beginning of the Williams ditch, thence down the middle of the channel of the same to the state line, thence north with the same to Lake Michigan, thence eastwardly with the lake to the place of beginning: Provided, the northern boundary of said county shall be the same as the northern state line." (Acts 1923, p. 465.)

The first election in the newly formed county was held on March 28,

1837, at the homes of Samuel D. Bryant and Russell Eddy under the supervision of Henry Wells, who had been commissioned sheriff, with authority to organize the county government. William Clark and William B. Crooks were elected associate judges of the circuit court; Amsi Ball, Stephen P. Stringham, and Thomas Wiles were chosen commissioners; W. A. W. Holton was elected recorder; Solon Robinson, clerk; and John Russell, assessor. The highest number of votes cast for any one candidate was seventy-eight.

The commissioners held their first meeting on April 5, 1837, and the organization of Lake County was carried a step farther. They adopted a seal; J. W. Holton was appointed treasurer; and the county was divided into three townships--North, Center, and South. There are now eleven townships in Lake County: Calumet, Cedar Creek, Center, Eagle Creek, Hanover, Hobart, North, Ross, St. John, West Creek, and Winfield.

The new county was still without a seat of government, the locating commissioners having failed to act, and on February 17, 1838, the general assembly provided for the establishment of a temporary courthouse at the home of Milo Robinson, which was located on the present site of Crown Point. The same day another bill was approved, naming commissioners to select a permanent county seat, but still no action was taken. The next legislature, on February 14, 1839, named new commissioners who met on the first Monday in March 1839, at the Robinson courthouse to examine all proposed sites. Liverpool, on Deep River, in the northwestern section of the county, was selected

in preference to Lake County Courthouse and Cedar Lake. Liverpool proved to be unsatisfactory to the citizens of the county, and they appealed again to the legislature. An act of February 13, 1840, appointed new commissioners who finally decided to locate the county seat on the site of the original Robinson courthouse in the town which was called Lake County Courthouse. The name of the county seat was then changed to Crown Point. The county was named Lake because it bordered on Lake Michigan.

The first term of the Lake Circuit Court was held in October 1837, before Judge Sample and Associate Judge Clark. The first courthouse was a log cabin about 35 x 25 feet in size, and situated on the southwest corner of the public square in Lake County Courthouse. This cabin had been erected in the summer of 1837 by Solon Robinson. In May 1838, it was officially designated the Lake County Courthouse, and a second story was added.

The second courthouse, a frame building, was ready for occupancy in 1850. It was 67 feet long, 37 feet wide, and 27 feet high. The building contained a courtroom, jury room, and a sheriff's office. On either side of the courthouse were two brick buildings, one containing the offices of treasurer and auditor, and the other housing the recorder and clerk.

In the late '70's, plans for a new courthouse in Crown Point were discussed and construction started in 1878. This brick and stone building, two stories in height, was completed in 1880 and is 105 x 96 feet in size. In 1909, this courthouse was enlarged and remodeled

at a cost of \$160,000. Another addition was made to this building in 1928.

Crown Point has remained a small town, while other towns established within the second half of the century of Lake County's history have outstripped it in magnitude and industrial importance. The use of lake front sites for industrial plants and the county's nearness to Chicago has ^{known} developed Lake County into metropolitan area of considerable size. The large number of manufactories increased the population with astonishing rapidity, and the demands of business, coupled with the needs of the increasing population, became insistent. Crown Point, near the geographical center of the county, found itself far removed from the population center. As a result of this a movement was organized in 1890 to transfer the county seat from Crown Point to Hammond, but no legal action was taken. This agitation, however, was not unproductive of results; when an act of 1895 established a superior court for Lake, Porter, and La^Porte Counties, Hammond was chosen as its seat in Lake County.

The first superior courthouse in Hammond was a building, now known as the "Old City Hall", which was deeded to the county by Marcus M. Towle, the deed providing for reversion of the building to the grantor should it ever be used for any other purpose. Notwithstanding this, it was found necessary in 1902 to provide a larger courthouse, and accordingly the present courthouse was built, being completed in 1903 from the design of J. T. Hutton; additions were made in 1909-1910.

Four years after the completion of the Hammond courthouse an act was passed creating the superior court district of Lake County, which court was to consist of one room, located at Hammond. An act of 1911 created three rooms of this court, dividing Room Three between Hammond and Crown Point, and in 1917 an amendment to this act transferred Room Three to Gary. Ten years later five superior court rooms were created, two each being located at Hammond and Gary and one at East Chicago.

Meanwhile in 1926, the Crown Point courthouse becoming overcrowded, a separate criminal courthouse and jail were constructed in that town. With the creation of the East Chicago Superior Court, this new court and branches of the correlated county offices were installed in the I.O.O.F. Building, a portion of which is rented by the county. The present superior courthouse at Gary was completed in 1929 from the plans of J. T. Hutton, who had designed the Hammond courthouse. Costing \$880,000, it was built of Bonedict granite, a by-product of the steel mills, and matches in design the Gary city hall located opposite.

Lake County has the second largest population--261,310--of any in the state. Between 1910 and 1920 the population increased 93% and between 1920 and 1930, over 63%. The incorporated cities and towns are Gary, Griffith, Lowell, Crown Point, East Gary, Hobart, New Chicago, East Chicago, Hammond, Highland, Munster, Whiting, Dyer, St. John, Schererville, and Schneider.

The cities of Lake County--the Calumet district--are the products of the rise of industrialism in Indiana. Whiting, Hammond, and East

Chicago were founded before the opening of the present century--1870, 1872, and 1888, respectively; Gary was not founded until 1906. The Standard Oil Company was the first to recognize the value of Lake County as an industrial site and built the largest oil refinery in the world in the city of Whiting. Hammond is a manufacturing town of importance and is also a great meat packing center; it is second in importance only to Indianapolis in this respect. East Chicago, situated on the shore of Lake Michigan, rapidly grew as an industrial center when manufacturers came here in search of cheap factory sites outside of Chicago. Since the construction of the harbor and the canal the city has grown industrially, especially in the manufacture of iron and steel. Gary, at the south end of Lake Michigan, was built by the Illinois Steel Company, a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporation. When the site for the new city was selected in 1906, the lakeside was a waste of sand and marshes, but in three years a modern city, an artificial harbor, and a great steel mill had been constructed. Gary is important as an iron and steel center; it is the Pittsburgh of Indiana and the Middle West.

Lake County has become a great industrial center because of its ideal location to the natural resources necessary for the manufacture of steel. It is within a short distance of the great iron ore deposits of Lake Superior. Bituminous coal is available nearby, in Indiana, Ohio, and Illinois. Great deposits of limestone--a necessary flux used in the manufacture of steel--are available within a short distance.

The great labor market of Chicago is nearby, and transportation facilities are good.

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Lake County, with its county seat at Crown Point, is a political subdivision of the State of Indiana for administrative purposes, and holds, therefore, only such powers of local government as have been prescribed by law. Lake County was organized by an act of the general assembly, effective February 1, 1836. (1) Its present form of government, as it functions today, is the result of its development under the original constitution of 1816, the present constitution adopted in 1851, and a century of legislative action.

The county system of government is an inheritance from England and the American colonies, whence pioneers in Indiana brought their customs and laws. Its beginnings in Indiana are found in the laws of the Northwest Territory, which provided for a group of administrative officers, as follows: sheriff, (2) clerk, (3) coroner, (4) and recorder. (5) Under the laws of Indiana Territory of 1802, the office of county surveyor was established. (6)

In the year 1816, Indiana was admitted to the Union, and the Constitution of that year provided for the election in each county of the officers named above. To these were added by legislative enactment in 1817, a governing body called the board of county commissioners, (7) and the office of county treasurer. (8) At the organization of Lake County, these offices were established under the authority of the Constitution of 1816 and the laws of Indiana. The next major change in the county organization occurred in 1841 when the office of the auditor was established. (9)

As Indiana developed, there was much dissatisfaction with the

Constitution of 1816, but repeated attempts to change it did not succeed until 1851, when a constitutional convention was called to frame a new constitution. This constitution was adopted in 1852, and with some alterations by later amendments, remains the Constitution of Indiana.

Each county has its own individual governmental set-up. Although the Constitution of 1851 forbids special legislation, the general assembly has provided necessary variations for counties, by classification based chiefly on population. Urban and rural areas obviously cannot be governed by the same system or number of officers. Every county has the constitutional offices, but the statutory officers vary greatly in number, powers, and duties. The latter may be compulsory in all counties, or they may be optional and therefore established in only a few instances; others may be authorized in only certain classes of counties, though the class may include but one county.

Indiana stands alone among the States of the Union in having a dual system of county governing boards, since the establishment in each county of a county council in 1899. Each county is governed by a board of commissioners and a county council. The duties of these agencies, with technical distinctions, are enumerated in their proper places below.

From the beginning of the present century a tendency toward centralization of power in the hands of State authorities has taken from the county officials many of their powers and duties and has greatly lessened the scope of those remaining. In the older fields of finance, roads, and education, the State's supervision has greatly increased, and the creation of new State departments, such as police, food and fire inspection, and public welfare, has caused heavy erosion

of local responsibility and control.

Present Administration

The Constitution of 1851 provides for the election of a clerk of the circuit court, who keeps the records of the proceedings of all the courts in the county; an auditor, who keeps records of county financial matters and records dealing in real property and the estates of private citizens; a recorder, whose duties are to keep a record of every conveyance or other instrument entitled and required by law to be recorded; a treasurer, who receives all money coming to the county and keeps a record of same; a sheriff, who is conservator of the peace and who carries out court orders; a coroner, who investigates violent deaths and those of suspicious circumstances; and a surveyor, who prepares plans and specifications for the improvement of public works, establishes boundaries for public and private lands and since 1933 has had charge of drainage systems. (10) The constitution provides for two other officers--circuit judge and prosecuting attorney--who are legally a part of the circuit, which may include one or more counties. Since the adoption of the constitution, the general assembly has prescribed the establishment of additional departments.

The present leading governing body of the county is the board of commissioners, often called the "county board", elected for a term of three years. The board provides buildings to house county business, furnishes public squares and grounds, audits the accounts of county officers who handle money, changes boundaries of townships as it sees fit, and is charged with the maintenance of county roads and highways. (11)

The board is also charged with many specific duties authorized by statutes, which are either mandatory or optional.

Another governing body is the county council, created in 1899 by statute, to act as a check upon the board of county commissioners by controlling the finances of county government. This council consists of seven members who are elected for a term of four years. One member is elected from each councilmanic district by the citizens of the district and three members are elected at large from the county. The county auditor acts as clerk of the council. The council has power to fix certain tax rates, the exclusive right to make appropriations out of the county treasury, and the exclusive right to authorize the borrowing of money for the county. (12)

In 1873, by legislative enactment, the office of county superintendent of schools was created. The superintendent is elected by the township trustees and serves for a term of four years. His duties are specifically set out in the statutes, and he is under the jurisdiction of the state board of public instruction. (13)

By an act of 1873, a county board of education was created. The board consists of the county superintendent of schools, the township trustees, and the chairman of the school trustees of each city and town of the county. The duties of the board are to consider the general wants and needs of the schools and matters relating to the purchase of school furniture, books, maps, ^{and} charts, etc. (14) The school municipal officials, as a matter of practice, take little part in the activities of the board.

An act of 1891 created the office of health commissioner, who is elected by the county commissioners to serve for a term of four years. It is his duty to safeguard the health and to promote sanitary systems for the citizens of the county. He is also required to keep records of contagious diseases, births, deaths, and marriages. (15)

By an act of 1891 the office of county assessor was created. The assessor is elected for a four-year term. His duties are to assess omitted real and personal property, to instruct the township assessors, to carry out the orders of the state tax board, and to act as president of the county board of review. (16)

An act of 1891 created the county board of review, whose members consist of the county assessor, county auditor, and county treasurer. (17) This act was amended in 1919 to include two freeholders of opposite political parties as members of the board. The duty of this board is to equalize unfair assessments on real and personal property. (18)

In 1907, a legislative act created a county board of finance, consisting of the board of county commissioners. The county auditor acts as secretary. This board has the custody of the county funds and selects the depositories. (19) The general assembly of 1936 repealed this act and in the same session revived it as part of the depository act, reestablishing the board of finance practically unaltered. (20)

By an act of 1913, the legislature made provisions for the creation of the office of agricultural agent, legally termed county agent, but commonly referred to by the descriptive name. Inasmuch as the agent of the state in the sale of state lands originally was called the county agent, the popular term is used here. The act provides

that this office may come into existence whenever a certain number of residents of the county shall petition therefor. The appointment is made annually by Purdue University and ratified by the county board of education. Upon proper petition, this office was established in Lake County, February 1, 1914. The duties of the agricultural agent are to disseminate information for the promotion and advancement of agriculture, horticulture, and domestic science. (21) By an act of 1931, the office of home demonstration agent was created, whose work is supplemental to the office of the agricultural agent. (22)

The office of superintendent of highways, established in 1913, was abolished by an act of 1933, and the office of highway supervisor authorized. The supervisor is appointed by the board of commissioners. He has general supervision of all county highways, roads, and bridges. (23)

In 1933 the legislature created a county board of tax adjustment. The board consists of one member of the county council, selected by the council, and six members appointed by the judge of the circuit court. This board has the power, as it deems necessary, to revise, to change or reduce, but not to increase any tax levy or any corresponding items of the budget on which the tax levies are based. (24)

In 1935, by legislative enactment, a county school fund board was established. This board consists of the auditor, the clerk, and one person appointed by the circuit judge. This board must approve all loans made from the school funds. (25)

The county board of public welfare was created by an act of 1936. The board consists of five members appointed by the circuit court to serve for a term of four years. The board is charged with administration

of assistance to dependent children in their own homes, to aged persons, and to all those who are otherwise handicapped. (26)

Judicial

The judicial system of Lake County, as of other Indiana counties, is prescribed by the State Constitution and the subsequent legislative enactments of the Indiana General Assembly. The Constitution authorized and directed the general assembly to divide into judicial circuits the whole state as the need arose. Lake County forms the thirty-first circuit, established in 1913. (27) Before this period, Lake County was a part of a circuit to which another county was attached. The Constitution further provides for the election of a judge and a prosecuting attorney for each circuit, and for a clerk for each county within a circuit. (28) The circuit court has jurisdiction in all criminal, civil, probate, and juvenile cases, and hears appeals from lower courts.

In 1895, by a legislative act, a superior court was established to serve Lake, La Porte, and Porter Counties. (29) In 1907, by a legislative act, Lake County was constituted the judicial district of the Lake Superior Court and its seat was established at Hammond. (30) An act of 1911 enlarged this superior court to three rooms, numbered one, two, and three, and divided Room 3 between Hammond and Crown Point, (31) and an amendment to this act in 1917 transferred Room 3 to Gary. (32) In 1927 the Lake Superior Court was divided into five rooms, numbered one to five. (33) An act of the same year provided that the two judges of Superior Courtrooms 1 and 5 should hold court

in the city of Hammond; that the judge of Superior Courtroom 2, in the city of East Chicago; and that the two judges in Superior Courtrooms 3 and 4, in the city of Gary. (34)

In 1919, by a legislative act, a criminal court was established in Lake County at Crown Point (35) and has jurisdiction in all criminal cases.

By an act of 1923, a juvenile referee was appointed in the circuit court at Crown Point to have jurisdiction in juvenile cases. (36)

In 1852, by a legislative act the court of common pleas was created, with limited jurisdiction. (37) The court continued in existence until it was abolished by an act of the legislature in 1873. (38) In earlier times, the common pleas court was a subdivision of the circuit court for certain causes, and had no independent existence.

Records System

The establishment of each of these offices caused the beginning of separate records as proscribed by the general assembly under the provisions for each respective office. As there are five courthouses in Lake County the records are scattered among them. The place of custody remains the same as the place of origination except in this one instance. When the superior courtroom division between Hammond and Crown Point was made in 1911, records of the court were instituted at the latter city, but later, when the room was transferred from Hammond and Crown Point to Gary, the Crown Point records were moved with the courtroom. The superior court records at East Chicago begin in 1927, the date that the superior courtroom was established in that city. Lake County

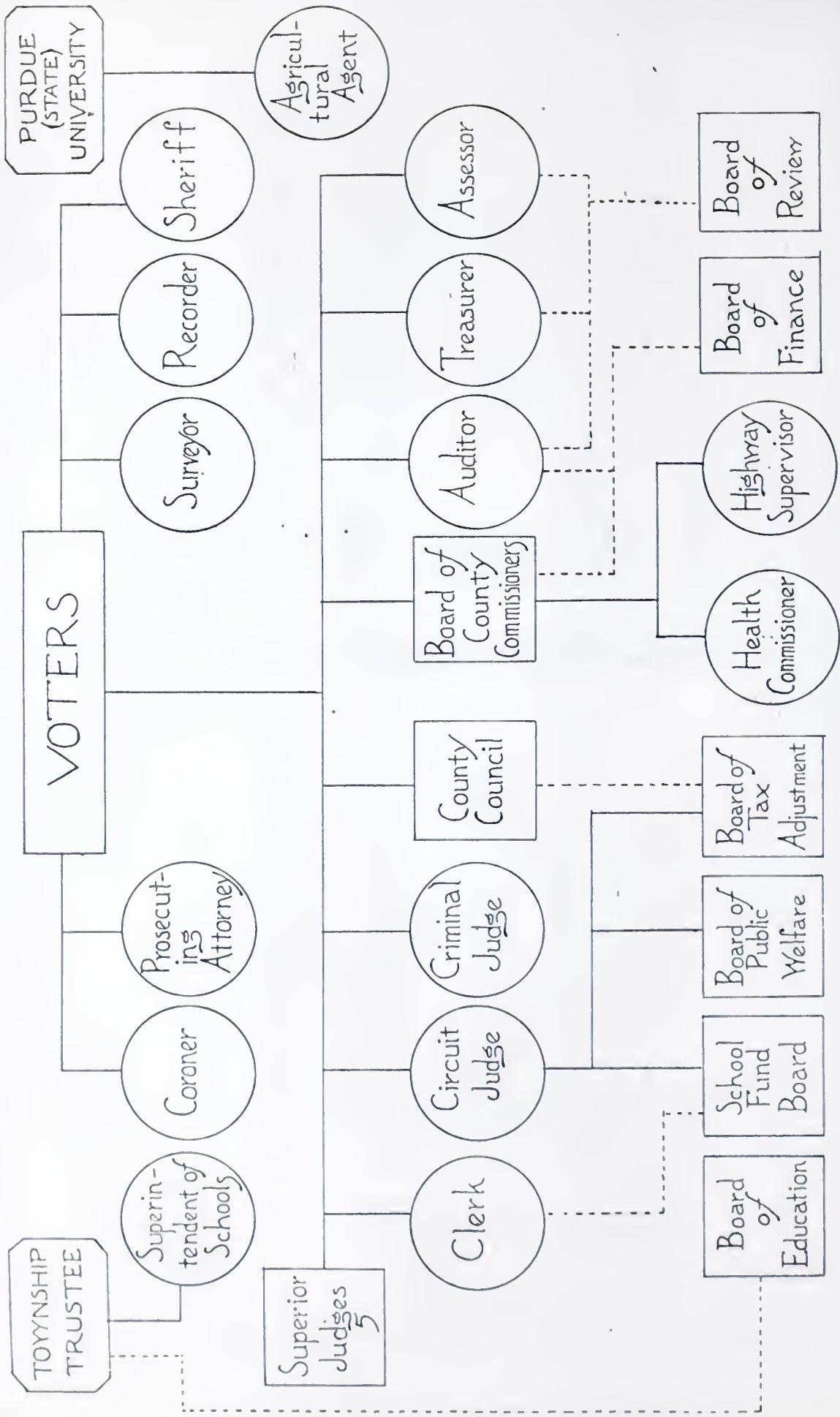
followed its own form of accounting until, in 1909, the legislature established the state board of accounts, which formulates, prescribes, and installs systems of accounting and reporting which are uniform for every public office of the same class. (39) Under this law some of the records were combined to eliminate separation, duplication, and overlapping. The law also permits the use of bound loose-leaf records in almost all cases where the records are typed. The quality of the paper and ink and the binding and rebinding practices are left to the judgment of the board of county commissioners, except that a good quality is required.

Whenever it may be necessary for the preservation of the records of any office from mutilation, the board of county commissioners issues an order directing the officer in charge to copy and transcribe the records for preservation. (40)

In 1925 a law was passed permitting county officials, at their discretion, to turn over to the state archives bureau for permanent preservation, any official books, records, documents, original papers, newspaper files, or printed books and material not in current use in their offices. (41) This law is optional and has been ineffectual. County officials are loath to part with records, even when no longer used and in spite of lack of storage space, for fear of a possible call for them. Consequently, they have only occasionally availed themselves of this provision for permanent preservation of their old records.

1. Acts 1836, p. 51.
2. Laws of Northwest Territory,
Acts 1788, ch. 2, sec. C.
3. Ibid., ch. 2, p. 11.
4. Ibid., ch. 9, sec. 1.
5. Ibid., 1795, sec. 1. p. 102.
6. Acts 1802, ch. 1, sec. 1.
7. Acts 1816, ch. 14, sec. 2.
8. Acts 1817, ch. 17, p. 119.
9. Acts 1841, ch. 2, sec. 1.
10. Ind. Const., art. 6, sec. 2.
11. 1 Ind. Rev. Stat., 1852; 26-601.
12. Acts 1899; Burns 26-501, 26-502,
26-515, 26-532.
13. Acts 1873, 1899; Burns 28-702.
14. Acts 1873, Burns 28-801.
15. Acts 1891; Burns 35-108.
16. Acts 1891, 1919; Burns 64-1101.
17. Acts 1891; ch. 99.
18. Acts 1919; Burns 64-1201, 64-1205.
19. Acts 1907; Burns 61-606, 61-607.
20. Acts 1935; Burns 1936 Suppl.,
61-606, 61-628, 61-631 to
61-639.
21. Acts 1913; Burns 28-4911.
22. Acts 1931; Burns 28-5627.
23. Acts 1933; Burns 36-1110.
24. Acts 1933; Burns 64-304.
25. Acts 1935; Burns 1936 Suppl. 28-209.
26. Acts 1936; Burns 1936 Suppl. 52-1117.
27. Acts 1913; Burns 4-332.
28. Ind. Const., Art. 6, Sec. 2;
Art. 7; Sec. 9-11.
29. Acts 1895, ch. 104, sec. 1-6.
30. Acts 1907; Burns 4-1101.
31. Acts 1911; ch. 18, sec. 1-3, 7.
32. Acts 1917; ch. 5, sec. 1.
33. Acts 1927; Burns 4-1103.
34. Acts 1927; Burns 4-1109.
35. Acts 1919; Burns 4-2309.
36. Acts 1923; Burns 9-2825.
37. 2 Rev. Stat. 1852, ch. 8, sec. 1.
38. Acts 1873, ch. 29, sec. 80.
39. Acts 1909; Burns 6-202.
40. Acts 1888; Burns 26-634.
41. Acts 1925; Burns 63-320.

4. A CHART OF LAKE COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION



Circles represent individual officers.

Squares represent agencies in board form.

Solid lines are lines of election or appointment. Broken lines indicate ex-officio relationship. All lines should be read downward.

Auditor, Treasurer, Surveyor, Recorder, Clerk of Court, Coroner, Sheriff, Prosecuting Attorney, Assessor, Board of Commissioners, Council, and Judges of Circuit Court, Criminal Court, and Superior Courts -- all elected by voters.

Board of Public Welfare -- Appointed by judge, circuit court.

Highway Supervisor -- Appointed by board of commissioners.

Health Commissioner -- Elected by board of commissioners.

Board of Finance -- Consists of county commissioners, with the auditor as secretary.

Board of Review -- Composed of assessor as president, auditor as secretary, treasurer, and two freeholders of county appointed by judge of circuit court.

Board of Tax Adjustment -- Composed of one member of the county council, a township trustee, the mayor, a member of school board, and three resident freeholders appointed by judge of circuit court.

Board of Education -- Composed of township trustees of Lake County, the county superintendent of schools, and the chairman of the school trustees of each city or town in Lake County.

Superintendent of Schools ---Elected by township trustees.

Agricultural Agent -- Appointed by Purdue University with approval of county board of education.

Lake County has five courthouses: the main courthouse at Crown Point; the criminal courthouse, also at Crown Point; and three superior courthouses--one each at East Chicago, Gary, and Hammond.

The main courthouse at Crown Point is a two-story building of brick and stone construction, which is situated on a public square, bounded by Main, Court, Joliet, and Clark Streets. The main portion of the courthouse was built in 1878; north and south wings were added in 1907 and further extended in 1928. The building now extends 270' in length, 85' at its greatest width, and 37' in height over the main portion, 32' over the north and south wings, and 12' over the later additions to these wings. In the basement are the vaults and storage rooms of the clerk, the auditor, the assessor, and the treasurer; on the first floor are the offices of the clerk, the recorder, the sheriff, the auditor, the treasurer, the health commissioner, the surveyor, and the highway supervisor; and on the second floor are the offices of the assessor, the superintendent of schools, and the county nurse.

The criminal courthouse faces Main Street. Built in 1926 of concrete and brick, it is roughly rectangular, measuring 120' by 53' by 39'. The agricultural agent's office and the clerk's vault are located in the basement, the office of the clerk on the first floor, and the office of the prosecuting attorney on the second floor.

The East Chicago superior courthouse occupies a portion of the I.O.O.F. Building, a brick and stone structure at 3701 Grand Boulevard. The sheriff's office is located on the first floor and the clerk's office on the second.

The Gary superior courthouse, a four-story stone building, stands on a square at the southwest corner of Fourth and Broadway. It was built in 1926 after the Greco-Roman style; the entrance is flanked with columns and a low dome rises above the center of the building. Its dimensions are 200' by 80' by 80'. The first floor contains the offices of the clerk, the sheriff, and the assessor; the second floor the office of the coroner; and the fourth floor the office of the surveyor. No county records are housed in the basement or on the third floor.

At Hohman and Fayette Streets, in Hammond, is the Hammond superior courthouse, a building constructed in 1902-1903 of rough-hewn Indiana limestone. It measures 95' by 95' by 75', exclusive of the clock tower which rises above the second floor. In the basement are two storage rooms which contain the clerk's records and on the first floor are the offices of the clerk and the sheriff. No records are housed on the second floor.

Commissioners

Records of the commissioners are housed in the Crown Point main courthouse with those of the auditor and treasurer (q. v., infra).

County Council

The county council's records are housed in the auditor's main office and outer vault (q. v., infra).

Clerk

A total of fourteen rooms are occupied by the clerk--five in the Crown Point main courthouse, two in the Crown Point criminal courthouse, one in the East Chicago courthouse, two in the Gary courthouse, and four in the Hammond courthouse.

In the Crown Point main courthouse, the clerk's records are housed in his main vault, his basement vaults 1, 2, and 3, and the probate commissioner's office, the first and last named being on the first floor. With the exception of the probate commissioner's office, which has a composition floor, all these rooms have concrete floors, and plaster walls and ceilings, and all are well lighted and well ventilated. In the main vault measuring 36' by 18' by 7' are 1993' of bound volumes and 763' of unbound records in file boxes 13" deep; these completely occupy the steel roller shelving, allowing no space for expansion and none for additional shelving. In the basement vault, which is narrower by 6' than the main vault, are 673' of bound volumes and 137' of unbound records in file boxes 13" deep; here, space for expansion is available on the present shelving. Basement vault 2 is almost twice the size of vault 1. This vault is equipped with 1946' of steel shelving, on which are 84' of bound volumes and 65' of unbound records in file boxes 14" deep. Basement vault 3, whose dimensions are 40' by 18' by 10', houses an undetermined quantity of unbound records in 1596 trays 24" deep. There is no space for expansion here. The probate commissioner's office contains 27' of bound volumes and 153' of unbound records in file boxes 14" deep, completely occupying the present shelving, and

allowing no space for the installation of additional shelving. Of the clerk's records 31% are housed in the main vault, 9% in basement vault 1, 2% in vault 2, 4% in vault 3, and 3% in the probate commissioner's office. All the records of the board of public welfare are also housed in the main vault. All these rooms provide excellent accommodations for users of the records.

In the Crown Point criminal courthouse, the clerk's office is located on the southeast corner of the first floor. Having a concrete floor and plaster walls and ceiling, the office is in good condition and well lighted, but its ventilation is only fair; its dimensions are 16' by 12' by 10'. Three hundred and six feet of shelving house 233' of bound volumes and 72' of unbound records in file boxes 13" deep. The vault, located in the basement directly under the office, measures 17' by 10' by 10', and has concrete flooring and plaster ceiling and walls. The ventilation in the vault is poor and the lighting is only fair. Steel shelving is entirely occupied by 144' of bound volumes and 10' of unbound records in file boxes 15" deep, and no space is available for additional shelving. Four per cent of the clerk's records are housed in the office and 2% in the vault, both rooms providing satisfactory accommodations for users of the records.

On the northeast corner of the second floor of the I.O.O.F. Building, East Chicago, is the clerk's office, a large room, measuring 50' by 20' by 18', which has a composition floor, plaster walls, and plaster ceiling. It is well ventilated and well lighted and is equipped with 110' of steel shelving, housing 1% of the clerk's records. These consist of 100' of bound volumes, space being available for installation of additional

shelving. Persons consulting the records are furnished with satisfactory accommodations.

The Gary office of the clerk is located on the southwest corner of the first floor of the courthouse in that city. This office has a concrete floor and tile walls and ceiling; it is well lighted and well ventilated and provides excellent accommodations for users of the records. On steel shelving are 42' of bound volumes and 153' of unbound records in file boxes 12" deep, allowing sufficient space for expansion on this shelving. Two per cent of the clerk's records are housed here.

In the Hammond courthouse, five rooms are occupied by the clerk and his records. On the southwest corner of the first floor are the clerk's main and private office and adjoining these, his record room. The main office has a concrete floor, tile walls, and tile ceiling; the floor, ceiling, and walls of the private office and record room are concrete. All three rooms are well ventilated and well lighted, providing good accommodations for users of the records. Measuring 28' by 27' by 15', the main office contains 318' of bound volumes and 24' of unbound records in filing cabinets, leaving ample space for expansion on the present steel shelving. The private office, measuring 36' by 22' by 13', houses an undetermined quantity of miscellaneous unbound material in 46 file boxes 12" deep. In the record room whose dimensions are 50' by 20' by 18', 1900' of steel shelving contain 1900' of unbound records in file boxes 12" deep, ⁷⁹no space for expansion can be obtained here. Directly under the clerk's offices and record room are two storage rooms for the clerk's records. Storage room 1 has a concrete floor, brick walls, and a tile ceiling; storage room 2 has a tile floor,

brick walls and plaster ceiling. The former measures 48' by 30' by 15' and the latter 32' by 18' by 11'. Both are in good condition and both are well lighted, but ventilation in room 2 is poor. In storage room 1, to which access may be obtained only through a private stairway from the clerk's office, steel shelving along the walls and in two safes houses 284' of bound volumes and 203' of unbound records in file boxes 12" deep. No shelving has been constructed in storage room 2--though space for it is available--and 136' of unbound records are stacked on the floor; 140' of unbound records are housed in pigeon holes 12" deep. Accommodations for users of the records are adequate in storage room 1, and inadequate in storage room 2. Of the clerk's records housed in the Hammond courthouse, 4% are housed in the main office, 2% in the private office, 27% in the record room, 6% in storage room 1, and 3% in storage room 2.

Prosecuting Attorney

A large office, 100' by 20' by 10', on the northwest corner of the second floor in the Crown Point criminal courthouse, is occupied by the prosecuting attorney. Well lighted, well ventilated and providing excellent accommodations for users of the records, the office has a concrete floor, ceiling, and walls. In a filing cabinet are 6' of unbound records--all those of the prosecuting attorney.

Recorder

The recorder's record room, whose dimensions are 32' by 27' by 18', is located on the first floor of the Crown Point main courthouse. This

room has a concrete floor, brick and tile walls, and tile ceiling, and is well lighted and well ventilated. A balcony extends around the room and on this and the main floor are 4282' of shelving, housing 3274' of bound volumes and 126' of unbound records in file boxes 16" deep. All the records of the recorder are housed in this room, which furnishes excellent accommodations for users of the records.

Sheriff

The sheriff's records occupy four rooms--one each in the Crown Point main courthouse, the East Chicago courthouse, the Gary courthouse, and the Hammond courthouse. The sheriff's vault in the Crown Point courthouse, measuring 15' by 6' by 14', is located on the first floor. Having a tile floor and walls, and a plaster ceiling, the room is in good condition and well lighted, but its ventilation is poor, and no accommodations are furnished users of the records. The latter, however, may be obtained in the adjoining private office. On steel shelving are 37' of bound volumes, 12' of unbound records in file boxes 14" deep, 2' of newspapers, and 30' of miscellaneous material, 13' of shelving being unoccupied. The sheriff's office in East Chicago is located on the first floor of I.O.O.F. Building in that city. Measuring 50' by 18' by 20', it has a concrete floor and plaster ceiling and walls; its ventilation and lighting are good, and good accommodations are available for users of the records. Three feet of bound volumes are kept on a desk and a safe. The sheriff's private office on the north side of the first floor of the Gary courthouse measures 10' by 5' by 10', but is otherwise similar to the East Chicago office. Here

are housed 16' of bound volumes, 12' of unbound records in file boxes 18" deep, and 18' of miscellaneous material, occupying less than one third of the steel shelving. The sheriff's office in the Hammond courthouse also is similar to the East Chicago office. Located on the northeast corner of the first floor, it measures 21' by 18' by 13', and houses an undetermined quantity of unbound records in fifty nine file boxes 12" deep, arranged on a counter; space for shelving is available here. Of the sheriff's records, 35% are housed in the vault at Crown Point, 1% in the office at East Chicago, 20% in the office at Gary, and 44% in the office at Hammond.

Coroner

The coroner occupies an office, 30' by 24' by 18', on the northwest corner of the second floor of the Gary courthouse. This office is well lighted and well ventilated; it has a composition floor and plaster walls and ceiling, and provides good accommodations for persons consulting the records. On two tables are 10' of bound volumes, but space is available for the installation of shelving. The above comprise all the coroner's records.

Auditor

An office and two vaults on the first floor and three storage rooms in the basement of the Crown Point main courthouse house the majority of the auditor's records. The office and the outer and inner vaults are well lighted, well ventilated, and in good condition, having concrete floors and plaster walls and ceilings. The office measures 45' by 30'

by 12'; the outer vault is about one third of that size, and the inner vault is slightly smaller. In the office are housed 26' of bound volumes and 156' of unbound records in file boxes 18" deep, leaving some space for expansion on the present steel shelving. These records comprise 12% of the records of the auditor, all the records of the board of finance, and 25% of the records of the county council. The outer vault houses, on metal shelving which the records completely occupy, 659' of bound volumes and 132' of unbound records in file boxes 24" deep--3% of the auditor's records, 75% of the records of the county council, and 22% of the records of the commissioners. There is no space here for additional shelving. No space likewise is available in the inner vault, in which 1164' of steel shelving ^{is} occupied by 822' of bound volumes and 342' of unbound records in file boxes 14" deep. Records housed in this vault comprise 8% of the records of the auditor, 63% of the records of the board of review, and 51% of the records of the commissioners.

The basement storage rooms--basement room 115, the auditor's storage room, and the auditor's supply room--have concrete floors and brick walls and ceilings, except for the supply room in which the walls and ceiling are plaster. The ventilation in all these rooms is fair, but the lighting is uniformly good. They are about equal in size, the average being approximately the size of room 115--22' by 21' by 11'. In basement room 115 are housed 45% of the records of the auditor, 21% of the records of the assessor, 12% of the records of the board of review, 11% of the records of the treasurer, and 5% of the records of the commissioners. These consist of 655' of bound volumes, which are

housed on wood shelving, completely filling the latter, but space is available for additional shelving. Twenty-six per cent of the auditor's records and 3% of the assessor's records--230' of bound and 220' of unbound records--are housed in the auditor's storage room. Ten feet of shelving are left for expansion, and beyond that additional shelving can be installed. In the auditor's supply room is 1' of bound volumes, comprising less than 1% of the auditor's records. Most of the shelving--134', is unoccupied. With the exception of room 115, all rooms described here provide sufficient accommodations for users of the records. Of the remaining 5% of the auditor's records, 1% are housed ⁱⁿ the assessor's basement vault and the other 4% in the treasurer's vaults.

Assessor

The assessor occupies six rooms: an office, a workroom, a vault, and a basement storage room in the Crown Point main courthouse, and two offices in the Gary courthouse. The Crown Point office, located on the second floor, measures 18' by 14' by 16', the adjoining workroom measures 24' by 20' by 18', and both rooms are well lighted and well ventilated. The office has a wood floor and plaster ceiling and walls, and the workroom has concrete floor, walls, and ceiling. In the office 12' of bound volumes--1% of the assessor's records--occupy all the present shelving, but additional shelving can be installed. In the workroom 100' of shelving carries 6" of bound volumes, which comprise 25% of the records of the board of review. The assessor's vault, on the first floor, has a tile floor, plaster walls, and plaster

ceiling. Measuring 70' by 15' by 18', it is well lighted and fairly well ventilated; it houses 8% of the assessor's records, comprising 112' of bound volumes entirely occupying the present shelving. Space for additional shelving can be obtained here. The assessor's basement storage room, measuring 16' by 15' by 10', is a well lighted, well ventilated room which has a concrete floor and brick walls and ceiling. On wood shelving--435' around the walls and in the center of the room-- are 435' of bound volumes, allowing no space for additional shelving. Records housed here consist of 30% of the assessor's records and 1% of the auditor's records. Good accommodations for users of the records are provided in the office, workroom, and vault, but none are provided in the storage room.

The Gary offices of the assessor are located on the southeast and northeast corners of the first floor, the former measuring 72' by 27' by 15' and the latter 60' by 50' by 18'. Both the north and the south offices are well lighted and well ventilated, and both furnish users of the records with excellent accommodations. The south office has a concrete floor, and tile walls and ceiling; the north office, a composition floor and plaster walls and ceiling. The south office houses 34% of the assessor's records--302' of bound volumes and 40' of unbound records in file boxes 12" deep; allowing ample space for expansion on the present shelving. The north office contains 46' of bound volumes on a counter and 4' of unbound records in a filing cabinet. These comprise 3% of the assessor's records. Space can be obtained in this office for the construction of shelving. In addition, 21% of the assessor's records are housed in the auditor's basement room 115, and 3% in the auditor's basement storage room.

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Board of Review

The records of the board of review are housed in the auditor's inner vault, the auditor's basement room 115, and the assessor's workroom (q. v., supra).

Board of Finance

Records of the board of finance are kept in the auditor's main office and inner vault (q. v., supra).

Treasurer

Four rooms--an office, a vault, and two basement vaults--in the Crown Point main courthouse--and one room in the East Chicago city hall, are occupied by the treasurer and his records. The office and vault at Crown Point have concrete floors, plaster walls, and plaster coilings, and are well ventilated and well lighted. The office, measuring 65' by 25' by 15', contains 1' of bound volumes on a desk--1% of the treasurer's records--and provides satisfactory accommodations for users of the records. The vault is 20' square and is equipped with 700' of steel shelving, on which are 655' of bound volumes and 9' of unbound records in file boxes 14" deep. In this vault, which houses 52% of the treasurer's records, no accommodations for users of the records are provided. Two vaults--the outer and the inner--are located in the basement. Both vaults have concrete floors and brick walls and coilings. Both vaults are well lighted and the outer vault is well ventilated, but ventilation is only fair in the inner vault.

Noithor furnishes accommodations for persons consulting the records. In the outer vault, whose dimensions are 21' by 15' by 12', 330' of wooden shelving house... 250' of unbound records in file boxes 6" deep, comprising 19% of the treasurer's records, 18% of the commissioners' records, and 3% of the auditor's records. In the inner vault, which is 3' less in length and width than the outer vault, the wooden shelving is completely occupied by 152' of bound volumes and 72' of unbound records in file boxes 10" deep. Housed here are 16% of the treasurer's records, 4% of the commissioners' records, and 1% of the auditor's records. Not much space is left for the installation of additional shelving.

The city treasurer's vault, on the second floor of the East Chicago city hall, also houses some records of the county treasurer. Having a concrete floor, walls, and ceiling, the room measuring 18' by 14' by 11' is well lighted and well ventilated, and provides adequate accommodations for users of the records. These consist of 2' of bound volumes and 2' of unbound records in file boxes 24" and 35" deep. One per cent of the treasurer's records are housed here. The remainder of the treasurer's records--11%--are housed in the auditor's basement room 115, at Crown Point.

Superintendent of Schools

On the south side of the second floor of the Crown Point main courthouse is a large room, 40' by 30' by 20', occupied by the superintendent of schools. This room, constructed with a concrete floor and

plaster walls and ceiling, is well lighted and well ventilated, and provides excellent accommodations for users of the records. On wood and steel shelving are housed 36' of bound volumes and 24' of unbound records in file boxes 14" deep, some space for expansion being left on the present shelving. All the records of the superintendent of schools are housed here.

Health Commissioner

In the Crown Point main courthouse, the offices of the health commissioner, on the south side of the first floor, and the county nurse, on the second floor, house the records of the health commissioner. The health commissioner's office, well ventilated and well lighted, measures 14' by 5' by 14'; it has a concrete floor, plaster walls, and plaster ceiling. On 163' of shelving are housed 3' of bound volumes and 60' of miscellaneous material--60% of the health commissioner's records. The other 40% are housed in the office of the county nurse, a room 22' square, which has a concrete floor, wooden walls, and plaster ceiling, and is well ventilated and fairly well lighted. It is equipped with 57' of wooden shelving, on which are 20' of unbound records in file boxes 11" and 16" deep, and 20' of miscellaneous material. Good accommodations for users of the records are provided in the health commissioner's office and none at all in the county nurse's office.

Board of Public Welfare

Records of the board of public welfare are housed in the clerk's main vault (q. v., supra).

Surveyor

A record room on the first floor of the Crown Point main courthouse and an office on the northwest corner of the fourth floor of the Gary courthouse house the records of the surveyor. The Crown Point record room, measuring 9' by 6' by 14', has brick floor and walls and a plaster ceiling; lighting and ventilation are only fair. Thirty-six feet of bound volumes and 72' of unbound records in file boxes 14" deep fill the wood and metal shelving, and no space is provided for additional shelving. No accommodations are provided for users of the records.

The Gary office of the surveyor, measuring 50' by 40' by 10', has a composition floor and plaster walls and ceiling. Well ventilated and well lighted, the office is in good condition and is equipped with 53' of shelving on which are 12' of bound volumes, 14' of unbound records in a filing cabinet, and a quantity of maps and plans filed in tubes, allowing ample space for expansion. Good accommodations are provided in this office for users of the records. Seventy-two per cent of the surveyor's records are housed in the record room at Crown Point, and 28% in the office at Gary.

Highway Supervisor

On the first floor of the Crown Point main courthouse is the office of the highway supervisor, a moderately sized room, well lighted and well ventilated, whose dimensions are 26' by 20' by 15'. This office, which has a concrete floor, plaster walls, and plaster ceiling, houses all the records of the highway supervisor. These records consist of

10' of bound volumes and 10' of unbound records in filo boxes 30" deep, all of which completely occupy the present shelving. Additional shelving, however, can be installed. Sufficient accommodations are provided here for users of the records.

Agricultural Agent

The agricultural agent occupies an office in the basement of the Crown Point criminal courthouse, a room measuring 24' by 22' by 10'. The floor, ceiling, and walls of the room are concrete, and its ventilation and lighting are good. All the records of the agricultural agent--for which, at the present time, no specific details are obtainable--are housed here. Accommodations provided for users of the records are adequate.

Review

Since there are five courthouses in Lake County and a majority of the records housed in each refer directly to that portion of the county in which they are located, housing problems of each courthouse must be treated individually. There are not many suggestions which can be made; housing conditions, taken as a whole, are highly satisfactory, and the chief problem seems to be a need for additional shelving.

In the Crown Point main courthouse, additional shelving is needed in the assessor's vault, the surveyor's record room, and the highway supervisor's office. The clerk's records in the Crown Point criminal courthouse would be housed better if an additional storage room were

provided for them, and this step is recommended. In the Gary courthouse, shelving should be installed in the coroner's office and the assessor's north office. Shelving also is needed in the clerk's storage room 2 of the Hammond courthouse. It is recommended that when shelving is constructed in the above offices, an amount adequate for five years of future records be installed. It will be noted in this essay that accommodations for users of the records are not provided in certain rooms. This is inescapable, as in most cases it is due to a lack of space, and since the records in these rooms are housed properly and accommodations, as a rule, are furnished in an adjoining room, no recommendations are made for the correction of this condition.

The Style Manual of the United States Government Printing Office is the authority followed herein.

Acts	(Session) Laws of the State of Indiana (commonly referred to by binder's title, "Acts"). By authority ... (of the) Secretary of State (of Indiana).
alph.	alphabetical, alphabetically
arr.	arranged
art.	article
aver.	average
bdl.	bundle
Bldg.	Building
Burns	Burns, Harfison, editor. Annotated Indiana Statutes containing all acts of a general and public nature in force September 1, 1933. 12 vols. The Bobbs-Merrill Company, Indianapolis, Ind. [c1933 and 1934] (With Supplement 1936 in pocket in back cover. Year is given in reference only in citations to supplement. Numbers refer to sections which run in one continuous, consecutive series as explained in Burns 1:iii-iv.)
C.C.	County Courthouse
ch.	chapter
chron.	chronological, chronologically
Const.	Constitution (of Indiana)
hdw.	handwritten
ibid.	ibidem (same reference as that immediately foregoing)
Ind.	Indiana
I.O.O.F. Bldg.	Independent Order of Odd Fellows Building

mi.	mile
ne.	northeast
no., nos.	number, numbers
nw.	northwest
off.	office
p., pp.	page, pages
q.v.	which see
Rev. Stat., 1843	Revised Statutes of the State of Indiana. The, passed at the twenty-seventh session of the general assembly ... Printed and published according to law. Indianapolis, 1843.
1 Rev. Stat., 1852)	Revised Statutes of the State of Indiana, The,
2 Rev. Stat., 1852)	passed at the thirty-sixth session of the general assembly ... 2 v. Printed and published according to law. Indianapolis, 1852.
rm.	room
seo.	section
se.	southeast
spc. sess.	special session
stat.	statutes
stg.	storage
suppl.	supplement
sw.	southwest
twp.	township
U.S.	United States
vol., vols.	volume, volumes
vt.	vault
--	current
'	foot, feet
"	inch, inches

Other abbreviations in common use are occasionally used.

The inventory of the records of each bureau is precoded by an explanatory section, giving legal status and functions of each.

Each entry has two parts, or paragraphs: Title and description. Occasionally an entry will have a cross-reference paragraph.

I. The title consists of:

1. Entry number. The entries are numbered consecutively within the county.

2. Titles in capitals, enclosed in parentheses, are supplied by the Historical Records Survey, because either the volume or file has no title or an incorrect one. Words in capitals and lower case, enclosed in parentheses, are supplementary to the title, where it is necessary to explain the type of records more fully.

3. Period covered by the record, showing beginning and ending dates. A dash in place of an ending date denotes a continuous open record.

4. Quantity.

5. Markings, if a series or a part of a series. Where the entry consists of one volume marked Vol. 1, the marking is omitted; if marked otherwise, marking is given.

6. Variation in numbering.

7. Missing volumes.

8. Variations in title.

II. The description consists of:

1. A complete description of the record, its contents, and its purpose, with a resume of the column headings or subjects treated.

2. Method of arrangement or indexing.

3. Nature of recording. Modern records are almost exclusively in printed form, filled in by hand or typewriter as stated in entry.

4. Condition. Unless good or excellent, in which case, it is omitted.

5. Number of pages, averaged for a series.

6. Size, averaged for a series, is given in inches unless otherwise specified; hence the inch sign is omitted.

7. Location.

III. Cross references made to other entries.

1. For records which have a separate index.

2. For records having earlier or later recordings under a different title or type of record.

3. For records for which additional information may be found in other entries.

The board of commissioners is a statutory body comprising three members elected for a term of three years. Elections are so arranged that one member shall retire each year. The county is divided into three districts from each of which one member must be elected by the electorate of the entire county (1 Ind. Stat. 1852; Acts 1929; Burns Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933, 26-601, 26-602, 26-603.)

Lake County has had a board of commissioners from its creation, as provided for in the Acts of 1816 (ch. 14, sec. 2), and the Constitution of 1851. (Ind. Const., art. 6, sec. 10; 1 Ind. Stat. 1852, 1929; Burns 1933 Stat., 26-601.)

The inception date of this office in Lake County is 1837. All records of this office are located in the courthouse in Crown Point, unless otherwise stated.

The board was intended to be the administrative and executive head of the county. Its powers were extensive and often abused. In 1899 the county council (q.v.) was created as a check upon the commissioners in fiscal matters. (Acts 1899; Burns *ibid.*, 26-501, 26-515, 26-529, 26-532, 26-533.)

The board of commissioners is a corporate body with powers to sue and be sued, and possessing duties, rights, and powers incident to corporations (1 Ind. Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns, *ibid.*, 26-606). It meets in regular session every month on the first Monday and in special sessions as called by the county auditor, its *ex-officio* clerk (Acts 1863; Burns, *ibid.*, 26-607).

Its principal functions: Control of county property, allowance of claims against county (1 Ind. Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns *ibid.*, 26-620), letting of county contracts, supervision of contracts of maintenance of roads and bridges (Acts 1905; Burns *ibid.*, 36-1301), and the preparation of annual budget estimates. (Acts 1899; Burns *ibid.*, 26-516.) It appoints many county officials and exercises the right of eminent domain (Acts 1899; Burns *ibid.*, 26-2101 to 26-2106). Other powers, in specific instances, have been conferred upon the board by the legislature; chiefly abolition or change of township or precinct boundary lines (Acts 1859; Burns *ibid.*, 26-701), establishment of libraries (1 Ind. Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns *ibid.*, 41-5021) and hospitals (Acts 1903; Burns *ibid.*, 22-3201), payment of bounties, offering of rewards (Acts 1875; Burns *ibid.*, 26-1101), and aid to war veterans.

The commissioners, by virtue of their office, were constituted a board of turnpike directors, by an act of 1879, for the management and control of all free turnpikes in the county. Each director had personal supervision of one district. Their powers are to appoint suitable persons to supervise the work of repairs; contract for labor and materials; enter upon the lands to take gravel, and to give certificates of payment; and to appoint a clerk of the board (Acts 1879, p. 226). An act of 1905 made the county auditor the clerk of the board. (Acts 1905, pp. 521-579.)

This board was abolished in 1913, and the highways were placed in charge of a superintendent of highways appointed by the commissioners. (Acts 1913, ch. 330, sec. 1, p. 877.)

This office was likewise abolished twenty years later, and supervision of highways was transferred to the surveyor (q.v.), in case the commissioners have not appointed a highway supervisor (q.v.). (Acts 1933; Burns *ibid.*, 36-1101 to 36-1109.)

Court Proceedings and Reports

1. COMMISSIONERS' DOCKET, 1837--. 37 vols., (1-36, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of commissioners' court, showing case no., review of claims filed, labor performed, relief claims, and general transactions pertaining to county business. Arr. by case no. 1837-1906, hdw.; 1906--, typed. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Aud's. off.

2. COMMISSIONERS' RECORD, 1837--. 55 vols., (1-54, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of proceedings concerning budgets, claims filed, erroneous tax, road contracts, bridge, ditch and building repairs, petitions and actions. Arr. chron. Typed. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2½. 1 vol., 1837-51, aud's. basement vt. 115; 54 vols., 1848--, aud's. outer vt.

3. POOR FARM INVENTORY, 1886-1894. 2 vols.

Record of inventory taken of county poor farm ~~personal and improvements~~ ^{and} supplies, such as cattle, grains, foods, and furniture. Arr. chron. Hdw. 150 pp. 13 x 8 x 3/8. Aud's. inner vt.

4. PURCHASE LEDGER, 1896-98. 1 vol.

Record of purchases made by county, showing from whom purchased, date of purchase, kind of merchandise, amount, and date of payment. Indexed alph. by name of firm. Hdw. 350 pp. 14 x 9 x 1½. Clk's. basement vt. 5.

Court Proceedings and Reports(continued)

5. VOTING PRECINCTS OF LAKE COUNTY, 1894-1908. 2 vols.

precincts of
Record of Lake County, showing no^o, and boundaries of each. Arr. by precinct no. Hdw. 200 pp. 16 x 10 x 1 3/4. 1 vol., 1894-1904, treasurer's inner basement vt.; 1 vol., 1904-~~08~~, auditor's inner vt.

Bond Issues

6. BOND REGISTER, 1915--. 3 vols.

Record of bonds sold to meet various county construction and ~~expenses~~ expenses, showing purpose of issue, location, date, amount, interest, and date coupons are due. Arr. chron. Hdw. 350 pp. 17 x 12 x 2. Auditor's inner vt.

7. BONDS, ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, 1905--. 42 file boxes. (1629-1670).

Original bonds issued for road construction and repairs, that have been redeemed, showing series no., bond no., name of road, location, amount, date of maturity, interest, and date issued. No index. Printed form. 5 x 11 x 15. Auditor's inner vt.

8. DISTRIBUTION OF GRAVEL ROAD BONDS, (MISCELLANEOUS), 1898-1913. 1 vol.

Record of bonds given in construction of gravel roads, showing name of road, amount of bonds, and to whom payable, amount, and date interest is due; also records of liquor license revenue, apportionment of school revenue, together with enrollment of various township and corporation schools, as well as a list of poll, dog, and delinquent taxes collected, and erroneous taxes refunded. Indexed alph. by name of road. Hdw.

Court Proceedings and Reports--Bond Issues(continued)

200 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. Auditor's inner vt.

For later records, see entry 6.

Petitions

9. PETITION FOR TUBERCULAR HOSPITAL, 1914. 1 file box.

Original petition to county commissioners for the construction of
tubercu^{an}lin hospital in Lake county, signed by tax payers. Arr. chron.
Condition poor. 5 x 11 x 15. Auditor's vt.

Requistions, Bids, and Contracts

10. BIDDERS' RECORDS, 1936--. 1 vol.

Record of contractors' biddings on county jobs, such as roads, bridges,
ditches, and buildings, showing date, bidders' names, description of con-
tract, and amount bid. Indexed alph. by name of bidder. Hdw. on printed
form. 224 pp. 14 x 14 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Auditor's outer vt.

Claims and Allowances

11. CLAIM AND ALLOWANCE RECORD, 1897--. 22 vols. (1-2, 8-19, and
8 vols. not numbered).

Record of claims allowed by commissioners for services and materials,
showing amount, date of filing, date of allowance, name of payee, nature
of claim. Arr. by claim no. Hdw. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 11 vol., 1897-
1905, auditor's basement vt.; 11 vol., 1906-29, auditor's inner vt.

the following: (1) the number of observations; (2) the number of

variables; (3) the number of observations per variable; (4) the

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per variable; (24) the number of observations per variable; (25) the

number of observations per variable; (26) the number of observations

per variable; (27) the number of observations per variable; (28) the

number of observations per variable; (29) the number of observations

Court Proceedings and Reports--Claims and Allowances(continued)

12. COMMISSIONERS' ALLOWANCES, 1880-1930. 58 boxes, (1-4, and 54 file boxes not numbered).

Record of commissioners' claims and disbursements, for county expenses, such as care of insane, poor relief, gravel roads, courthouse expense, poor farm, jail, probation officer, inquests, and salaries for county officials. Arr. chron. 4 boxes, 4 x 4 x 10. ^{14 x 9 x 10 x} 54 boxes, 24 x 15 x 10. 10 boxes, 1880-90, treasurer's inner basement vt.; 48 boxes, 1890-1930, treasurer's outer basement vt.

13. SOLDIERS' BURIAL RECORD, 1889-1901. 1 vol.

Record of the burial of deceased ex-Union Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines who were buried at county's expense, showing name of deceased, rank and command, burial place, date of death, occupation, age, and costs. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Hdw. on printed form. 400 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. Auditor's basement vt. 115.

For other records, see entry 58.

14. STATE INSTITUTION WARRANTS, 1909--. 1 file drawer .

Record of transportation costs paid to persons discharged from state institutions and returned to points in Lake County, showing name of state institution, date discharged, name of persons, location, and amount of fare. Arr. chron. 5 x 11 x 15. Auditor's inner vt.

Roads, Bridges, and Ditches

15. COMMISSIONERS' ROAD DOCKET, 1845--. 4 vols., (1-2, B-C).

Title varies.

Record of proceedings of the county commissioners relative to appropriations

Court Proceedings and Reports--Roads, Bridges, and Ditches(continued)

for the building and repairs of roads in Lake County, showing assessments levied and benefits derived. Indexed alph. by name of road. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 10 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. 2 vols., 1845-85, auditor's outer vt.; 2 vols., 1886--, auditor's inner vt.

16. ROADS, 1837--. 10 boxes; 2 packages, (19-28, and 2 packages not numbered).

Records of road construction and maintenance, including petitions, profiles, reviewer's reports, plans and specifications, superintendent's reports, claims for materials, receipts, and appropriations. Arr. chron. Boxes, 5 x 9 x 24; packages, 12 x 16 x 12. Treasurer's outer basement vt.

17. ENGINEERS' REPORTS TO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON ROAD CONSTRUCTION, 1917-21. 1 vol.

Record of reports of engineers to county commissioners, giving name of contractor, date, name of road, and cost of construction. No index. Hdw. 100 pp. 9 x 17 x 2. Auditor's outer vt.

18. BRIDGES, 1917--. 38 files, (1557-1594).

Record of specifications, bids, engineer's approval, proof of publication, bonds for sale, maps and copies of contracts, location, and costs of bridges. Arr. by bridge no. 5 x 11 x 15. Auditor's inner vt.

For earlier records, see entry 2.

19. DITCH CERTIFICATES, 1880-86. 1 vol.

Copies of certificates issued to workmen for labor performed on various county ditches, giving no. of certificate, date, name of worker, amount paid, and location of ditch. Arr. by certificate no. Hdw. on printed form. 11 x 6 x 2. Auditor's basement vt. 115.

In 1899 the legislature created the county council. This council consists of seven members who are elected for a term of four years and must be resident freeholders of the county. One member is elected from each of the four councilmanic districts by the voters of the district, and three members are elected by the voters of the county at large. The council elects its own president and the auditor acts as its clerk. The sheriff is required to execute the orders of the council. (Acts 1899; Burns 1933 Stat., 1933, 26-501, 26-502, 26-509, 26-515, 26-532.)

The inception date of this board in Lake County is 1899. All records of this office are located in the courthouse in Crown Point, unless otherwise stated.

The regular annual meeting is held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of September for the purposes of fixing the tax rate, of imposing the tax levy, and of making appropriations (Acts 1899; 1931; Burns 1933 Stat., 26-507), and continues from day to day until its business is completed, (Acts 1899; Burns 1933 Stat., 26-508). Special meetings may be called by the auditor or a majority of the members (Acts 1899; 1931; Burns 1933 Stat. 26-507). Sessions must be public (Acts 1899; Burns 1933 Stat., 26-508). Although a majority of the council constitutes a quorum, the passage of ordinances requires a majority of all members; and extra-ordinary majorities are required by law in certain instances; (Acts 1899; Burns 1933 Stat. 26-511): a three-fourths' vote to increase or insert an item in the budget esti-

mates submitted by the county agencies through the auditor (Acts 1899; Burns 1933 Stat., 26-520): a two-thirds' vote to make additional appropriations at special meetings. (Acts 1899, 1907, 1913; Burns 1933 Stat. 26-521).

The power of fixing the tax rate where it is not fixed by law, is vested exclusively in the council, likewise the power of making appropriations of money to be paid out of the county treasury (Acts 1899; Burns 1933 Stat., 26-515).

The council passes on all budget estimates submitted by county officials (Acts 1899; Burns 1933 Stat., 26-520), as well as emergency appropriations (Acts 1899, 1907, 1913; Burns 1933 Stat., 26-521).

The council has the exclusive power to authorize the borrowing of money for the county and the issuing of bonds (Acts 1899, 1921, 1929; Burns 1933 Stat., 26-532). No sale or purchase by the county of real estate of the value of \$1,000 or more shall be made without authorization by the council (Acts 1899; Burns 1933 Stat., 26-534.)

20. COUNTY COUNCIL RECORD, 1899--. 4 vols. (1-3, and one vol. not numbered).

Record of ^{Minutes} minutes and proceedings of county council, showing appropriations for all county expense, including salaries, poor relief, printing supplies, materials, bridges, and road repairs. Indexed alph. by name of ordinance. 1899-1912, hdw.; 1913--, typed.

588 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. 3 vols., 1899-1935, auditor's outer vt.; 1 vol., 1936--, auditor's off.

The clerk of the circuit court, commonly referred to as "county clerk", is a constitutional officer, elected for a four-year term, and not entitled to hold office more than eight years of any twelve-year period. (Ind. Const., art. 6, sec. 2; Burns 1933 Stat., 49-2701.)

The inception date of this office in Lake County is 1837.

Elected as clerk of the circuit court, the incumbent of the office also serves, by statutory provisions, as clerk of any and all county courts and as such is required to keep a set of dockets and records for all courts. (2 Ind. Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns, *ibid.*, 49-2706.)

In addition to his court duties, numerous other duties are imposed upon the clerk by statute. He serves *ex officio* as registration officer for the county and as a member of the various county election boards (Acts 1933; Burns, *ibid.*, 29-306). In discharging his election duties he is required to keep records of all elections in the county (Acts 1905; Burns, *ibid.*, 29-1404), issue certificates of election to successful candidates (Acts 1881; Burns, *ibid.*, 29-1501), and act as clerk to the commissioners appointed by the circuit court to make a recount in contested elections (Acts 1881 spec. sess.; Burns, *ibid.*, 29-2103).

Other important duties of the clerk are the issuance of marriage licenses (Acts 1852; Burns, *ibid.*, 44-201); of professional licenses such as physicians' (Acts 1897; Burns, *ibid.*, 63-1302), dentists' (Acts 1913; Burns, *ibid.*, 63-506), optometrists' (Acts 1907; Burns, *ibid.*, 63-1009), and nurses' (Acts 1905; Burns, *ibid.*, 63-903) licenses;

hunting, fishing, and trapping (Acts 1927; Burns, *ibid.*, 11-302), licenses; business licenses such as poultry dealers (Acts 1917; Burns, *ibid.*, 48-1407), and junk dealers (Acts 1905; Burns, *ibid.*, 42-703), and permits to carry firearms (Acts 1925; Burns, *ibid.*, 10-4721). He approves the bonds of county officers (Acts 1852; Burns, *ibid.*, 29-105), and approves and files the bonds of notaries (Acts 1852; Burns, *ibid.*, 49-3503). He is required to keep a record of firm and partnership certificates (Acts 1909; Burns, *ibid.*, 50-201), and he also records many legal instruments.

Elections

Voters

21. REGISTRATION CARDS OF VOTERS, 1936. 1596 file trays.

Registration cards, showing name, address, and political location of eligible voters. Arr. by registration no. 9 x 3/4 x 26. Crown Point, C.C., basement inner vt. 5.

22. PRECINCT REGISTRATION, 1936. 274 file boxes.

Record of qualified voters in county, showing name, residence, ward, and precinct. Arr. by precinct no. 11 x 3 1/2 x 3. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's inner basement vt. 5.

23. RECORD OF ABSENT VOTERS, 1918-26. 1 vol.

Record of absent voters, showing name of voter, address, occupation, precinct, town, twp., date when ballot is mailed, and date returned. Indexed alph. by name of voter. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 3/4. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's inner basement vt. 5.

Elections (continued)

Returns

24. RECORD OF ELECTIONS, 1908-12. 1 vol.

Record of general election data, showing sample ballots, board of commissioners' certificates, no. of votes cast for candidates, and names of political parties. Arr. by precinct nos. Hdw. 200 pp. 18 x 12 x 1 3/4. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's inner basement vt. 5.

25. ELECTION REPORTS, 1836--. 36 file boxes.

Record of election, results, showing names and residences of voters, and total votes cast. Arr. chron. 12 x 10 x 4. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's basement vt. 1.

Official Bonds
(See also entries 316-319)

County

26. RECORD OF OFFICIAL BONDS, 1853--. 16 vols. (1-5, 7-10, 1-7).

Record of bonds of county officials, showing name of officer, title of office, amount of bond, names of sureties, terms, and date of expiration. Indexed alph. by names of official. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x 2 3/4. Crown Point, C.C., 12 vols., 1853-1923, clerk's basement inner vt. 5, 4 vols., 1918--., clerk's vt.

27. GENERAL INDEX OF BONDS, 1895--. 3 vols. (1-3).

Index to entry 26, showing name of official, amount of bond, title of office, and vol. and page no. Arr. alph. by names of officials. Hdw.

Official Bonds--County (continued)

on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 2. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's vt.

28. COUNTY OFFICERS' BONDS, 1867--. 2 file boxes, (1-2).

Original bonds filed by county officials, showing date, name of officer, title of office, amount of bond, sureties, terms and life of bond, and attest. Arr. chron. 10 x 4 x 13. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's vt.

Township

29. JUSTICE BONDS, 1871--. 2 file boxes, (1-2).

Original bonds, showing date, name of justice, amount of bond, term of bond, sureties, and attest. Arr. chron. 10 x 4 x 13. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's vt.

30. CONSTABLE BONDS, 1864--. 2 file boxes, (1-2).

Original bonds, showing date, name of constable, amount and terms of bond, sureties, and attest. Arr. chron. 10 x 4 x 13. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's vt.

Miscellaneous

31. NOTARIAL BOND RECORD, 1918--. 11 vols. (9-19).

Record of notaries' bonds, showing name and address of notary, amount and terms of bond, sureties, date of acceptance, and clerk's attest.

Indexed alph. by name of notary. Hdw. on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 13 x 2. Crown Point, C.C., 2 vols., 1918-23, clerk's basement vt. 1; 4 vols., 1923-29, clerk's vt.; 5 vols., 1929--, clerk's off.

For earlier records, see entry 26.

Official Bonds--Miscellaneous (continued)

32. NOTARY PUBLIC (BONDS), 1866--. 20 file boxes. (1-20).

Original bonds filed, showing name and address of notary, amount and terms of bond, sureties, date, and clerk's attest. Arr. chron.

10 x 4 3/4 x 13. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's vt.

Licenses

Marriage

33. APPLICATIONS FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE, 1905--. 462 vols.

(1-372, 375-464). (Vols. 373-74, missing.).

Record of applications, showing names of both applicants, color, birthplace, age, residence, occupations, names of parents, and family history. Arr. by license no. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x 2 3/4. Crown Point, C.C., 441 vols., 1905-29, clerk's basement vt., 21 vols., 1930--, clerk's vt.

34. MARRIAGE RECORD, 1837--. 183 vols. Numbering varies.

Record of marriages, showing license no., names of groom and bride, certificate of person performing rite, and date of marriage. Indexed alph. by names of bride and groom. Hdw. 400 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Crown Point, C.C., 103 vols., 1837--, clerk's main floor vt.; 80 vols., 1905-29, clerk's basement vt.

35. MARRIAGE RETURNS, 1871--. 105 file boxes.

Original marriage certificates, showing names of married couple, witnesses, and person performing rite, and date of marriage. Arr. by certificate no. Hdw. on printed form. 10 x 12 x 4. Crown Point,

Licenses-- Marriage (continued)

C.C., clerk's basement inner vt. 5.

Professional

36. RECORD OF PHYSICIANS LICENSE, 1881-1929. 4 vols.

Record of physicians' licenses, showing name of applicant, age, residence, date of graduation, name of school attended. Indexed alph. by name of applicants. Hdw. on printed form. 372 pp. 18 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Crown Point, C.C., 2 vols., 1881-97, clerk's inner basement vt.. 2 vols., 1897-1929, clerk's vt.

37. PHYSICIANS' APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSE, 1864--. 2 file boxes.

(1-2).

Original applications of physicians for licenses, showing name, address, and age of applicant, professional history, date of filing, and date license is issued. Arr. chron. 10 x 4 x 13. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's vt.

38. DRUGLESS PHYSICIANS, 1909--. 1 file box.

Original applications for license to practice, showing name and residence of applicant, professional qualifications, and date license was issued. Arr. chron. 10 x 4 x 13. Clerk's vt.

39. RECORD OF DENTIST CERTIFICATE AND LICENSE, 1894-1925. 3

vols.

Record showing name and address of applicant, age, birthplace, professional training, and date license was issued. Indexed alph. by name of applicants. Hdw. on printed form. 100 pp. 16 x 10 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Crown Point,

Licenses--Professional (continued)

1 vol., 1894-1903, clerk's first basement vt.; 2 vols., 1899-1925, clerk's vt.

40. DENTISTS' CERTIFICATE^s, 1905--. 2 file boxes, ¹⁰ (1-2).
Certificate^s licenses, showing name and residence of applicant, age, professional training, and date license was issued. Arr. chron. 10 x 4 x 13. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's vt.

41. CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION TO PRACTICE OPTOMETRY, 1907--.

1 file box.

Certificates of registration, showing name and residence of applicant, age, birthplace, professional training and qualifications, and date license was issued. Arr. chron. 10 x 4 x 13. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's vt.

42. VETERINARIANS, 1901--. 1 file box.

^{veterinary medicine}
Applications for license to practice, showing date, name of applicant, residence, professional training, and date license was issued. Arr. chron. 10 x 4 x 13. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's vt.

Business

43. JUNK DEALERS' APPLICATION AND LICENSE, 1905-10. 1 vol.

Record of junk dealers applications, showing name of applicant, residence, place of business, and date license was issued. Indexed alph. by name of applicant. Hdw. on printed form. 240 pp. 14 x 8 x 1. Crown Point, C.C. clerk's inner basement vt. 5.

44. PETTY MONEY LENDERS BONDS AND APPLICATIONS, 1913-17.

1 file box.

Licenses--Business (continued)

Applications of petty money lenders, showing name and business location of applicant, amount and terms of bond, oath, and notarial attest.

Arr. chron. 10 x 4 x 13. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's vt.

45. SIRE LICENSE, 1890-1913. 1 file box.

Applications for breeder's license, showing name and pedigree of sire, name and residence of coroner, and date of license. Arr. chron.

10 x 4 x 13. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's vt.

46. ALCOHOL PERMITS, 1918--. 1 file box.

Original applications from pharmacists and others for permits to sell alcoholic products, showing name of business location of applicant, amount and terms of bond, sureties, date of permit, and signature of clerk. Arr. chron. 10 x 4 x 13. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's vt.

For earlier records, see entry 319.

Certificates

47. PARTNERSHIP RECORD, 1910--. 4 vols. (1-4).

Record of partnership and corporations, showing names and address of affiliated persons, name of business or firm, location of business, and date of recording. Indexed alph. by title of firm. Hdw. on printed form. 500 pp. 16 x 12 x 2 3/4. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's vt.

48. CERTIFICATE OF PARTNERSHIP, 1917--. 4 file boxes. (1-4).

Original documents showing names and address of affiliated persons, partnership agreement, nature and location of business, and date filed. Arr. chron. 10 x 4 x 13. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's vt.

Certificates (continued)

49. REGISTER OF INSURANCE CERTIFICATES, 1876-1920. 2 vols.

Record of agents representing insurance companies, showing name and address of agent, title and location of insurance company, date of filing, and serial no. of certificate. Indexed alph. by title of company. Hdw. on printed form. 200 pp. 16 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{4}$. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's basement vt. 5.

50. FIREARMS APPLICATION, 1935--. 1 file box.

Request for permit to own and carry firearms, showing date, name, age, and address of applicant, name and address of employer, type of firearm and permit no. Arr. by permit no. 14 x 12 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Hammond, C.C., clerk's inner vt.

51. FIREARMS PERMITS, 1929--. 2 file boxes.

Applications for permits to own and carry firearms, showing date filed, name, age, and address of applicant, recommendation, and date of issuance. Arr. chron. 10 x 4 x 13. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's vt.

52. REPORTS OF SALE OF PISTOLS, 1926--. 24 file boxes.

Certificates reporting sales and purchases of revolvers and small firearms, showing date of sale, dealer's name and address, name, age and address of purchaser, description, and no. of weapon sold. Arr. chron. 12 x 10 x 4. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's basement vt. 5.

Registers

53. ROLL OF ATTORNEYS, 1926--. 2 vols. (1, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of attorneys admitted to practice before county court, showing

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name and address of applicant, date, and qualifications. Indexed alph. by name of applicant. Typed. 600 pp. 17 x 12 x 3. Crown Point, C.C., 1 vol., 1926--., clerk's vt.; 1 vol., 1926, East Chicago, I.O.O.F. Bldg., clerk's off.

53a. CORPORATION RECORDS, 1920-21. 1 vol.

Record of corporations, showing date, articles of incorporation, names and addresses of incorporators, capital stock, no. of shares, value, first meeting minutes, name and seal, by-laws, directors, and location of principal office. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 205 pp. 14 x 9 x 3/4. Gary, C.C., clerk's off.

54. POWER OF ATTORNEY, 1901--. 2 file boxes.

Certificates delegating power of attorney to act in another's place, showing date, names of delegator and appointee, term and limitations of power, duties of attorney, and notarial attest. Arr. chron. 10 x 4 x 13. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's vt.

55. ADMISSION TO BAR, 1931--. 1 file box.

Record of admittance to bar, showing name of attorney, judges' certificate of practice, courts practiced in, name of judge ordering admission to bar, and notarized statement of supreme court clerk. Arr. chron. 10 x 4 x 13. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's vt.

56. POLICE COMMISSIONERS' NOTICE OF CANCELTION, 1925--. 1 file box.

Employer's notice to the state that services of specially appointed police are no longer required, showing name of policeman, date of dismissal, and cause. Arr. chron. 10 x 4 x 13. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's vt.

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57. PUBLIC LIBRARIES, 1911--. 1 file box.

Certificates of appointments to membership on library boards in cities of Gary, Whiting, Lowell, Hobart, Crown Point, East Chicago, and Hammond. Arr. chron. 10 x 4 x 13. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's vt.

58. ENUMERATION OF SOLDIERS AND SAILORS, 1913-21. 1 file box.

Lists of enlisted men, showing name of veteran, wars and engagements served in, regiment and company, dates of enlistment and discharge, present occupation, address, and date. Arr. alph. by name of veteran. 10 x 4 x 13. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's vt.

For other records, see entry 13.

59. NURSES' APPLICATIONS, 1913--. 2 file boxes. (1-2).

Applications for nurses licenses, showing date, name of applicant, address, and date issued. Arr. chron. 10 x 4 x 13. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's vt.

Receipts and Disbursements

60. CLERKS' DAILY BALANCE, 1928--. 5 vols. (1-5).

Record of daily cash transactions, showing receipts from various sources, disbursements and purposes of same, names of depositories, amount deposited, cash on hand, and total balance. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 11 x 10 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Crown Point, Criminal Court Bldg., clerk's basement vt.

For earlier records, see entry 61.

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61. CLERKS DAILY BALANCE, 1924--. 13 vols. (2-7, 3, and 6 vols., not numbered).

Record of daily balance, showing date, costs, fees, licenses, and trust funds due to county, names of depositories, daily deposits, totals, withdrawals, checks issued, and total balances. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 11 x 10 x 1 3/4. Crown Point, C. C., clerk's basement vt. 1.

62. CASH BOOK OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1928--. 4 vols. (1-2, 5-6).

Record of receipts and disbursements, showing date, amounts received, title of fund, payer, cause; amount disbursed, fund, payee, cause, and balances. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 13 x 14 x 3. Crown Point, Criminal Court Bldg., 2 vols., 1928--; Crown Point, C.C., 2 vols., 1928-34, clerk's basement vt.

63. CHECK STUBS, 1907--. 6 file boxes.

Stubs of all checks issued by clerk, showing date, check no., name of payee, amount, and cause no. Arr. chron. 12 x 10 x 4. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's basement vt. 5.

64. CANCELED CHECKS, 1907--. 10 file boxes.

Canceled checks, showing date, check no., name of payee, amount, fund, depository drawn on, and clerk's signature. Arr. chron. 12 x 10 x 4. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's basement vt. 5.

The office of prosecuting attorney was created by the Constitution. This officer is elected at the regular election for a term of two years. (Ind. Const., Art. 7, Sec. 11; 2 Rev. Stat.; Burns 1933 Stat., 49-2501.) Prior to the Constitution of 1851, the office of prosecuting attorney was in existence by virtue of the Constitution of 1816.

The inception date of this office in Lake County is 1837. All records are located in the Criminal Court Bldg. in Crown Point, unless otherwise stated.

It is the duty of the prosecutor to inquire of the commissioners about any felony or misdemeanor, and subpoena and examine any person likely to be acquainted with the commission of any felony or misdemeanor (2 Rev. Stat.; Burns 1933 Stat., 49-2503).

He conducts all prosecutions for felonies or misdemeanors in Lake County, all suits on forfeited recognizances, resists applications for changing names, protects the interest of all persons of unsound mind, and superintends on behalf of the county or any of its trust funds, all suits in which they may be interested or involved, and performs such other duties as may be required by law (2 Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 1933 Stat., 49-2504).

Prosecuting attorneys are neither state, county nor township officers (State ex rel. Pitman vs. Tucker, 46 Ind. 335), but their office in each county is a county office.

65. UNDISPOSED DOCKETS, (CRIMINAL), 1931--. 1 vol.

Record of criminal cases pending, showing name of defendant, cause of

action, name of attorney, date of filing, case and court nos. Arr. by case no. Hdw. and typed. 750 pp. 12 x 12 x 4. Prosecutor's off.

66. CRIMINAL COURT RECORDS, 1934--. 6 file boxes.

Papers pertaining to cases pending, showing date, name, residence and physical description of defendant, charge, witnesses, arresting officer, and date set for trial. Arr. by case no. 10 x 12 x 24. Prosecutor's off.

67. TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS, 1936--. 4 file boxes.

Record of traffic violations, showing name and residence of accused, kind of violation, date of arrest, and disposition of case in court. Arr. alph. by name of accused. $3\frac{1}{2}$ x 5 x 12. Prosecutor's off.

The circuit court is authorized by the Indiana Constitution (Indiana Const., Art. 7, sec. 11). The thirty-first circuit comprises Lake County. The inception date of this court in Lake County is 1837.

The judge of the circuit court is elected by the people and the term of office is six years. The court has jurisdiction of law, equity, and criminal cases, and of the settlement of decedent's estates and of guardianships. It has appellate jurisdiction in certain cases from justice of peace courts. (Acts 1881; Burns 1933 Stat., 4-303.)

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(See also entries 126-129, 134-135, 143-153)

68. GENERAL INDEX OF COURT RECORDS, 1876--. 5 vols., (A-3, A-B). General Index to court records, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, and court, amount of judgment, costs, date, order book, fee book, amount paid, and by whom. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 3/4. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's off.

69. CIRCUIT COURT (CIVIL CAUSES), 1838--. 808 file boxes, and 54 boxes. (A-Z, 38-846).

Records of depositions taken by order of ~~the~~ court in various cases, showing date, notification, place ~~where~~ taken, by whom taken, and cause of issue. Arr. by case no. 808 file boxes, 10 x 4 x 13; 54 boxes, 4 x 4 x 9. Crown Point, C.C., 54 boxes, 1871-1900, clerk's basement vt. 5; 808 file boxes, 1838--, clerk's vt.

70. FILE INDEX (LAKE CIRCUIT COURT), 1834-1906. 1 vol.

Index to entry 69, showing names of plaintiffs and defendants, case no.,

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and box no. of records. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant.

Typed. 235 pp. 17 x 13 x 1 $\frac{1}{4}$. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's vt.

For later records, see entry 68.

71. INDEX TO DISPOSED CASES, 1895--. 4 vols. (1-4).

Index to cases filed and disposed of, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, case no., date filed, and cause of action. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff. Typed on printed form. 300 pp. 12 x 18 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

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72. GENERAL RECORD OF INDICTMENTS, 1855-1918. 6 vols. (1, 1, 6, 6, and 2 vols. not numbered).

Record of indictments, showing name of defendant, date of grand jury's leaving, nature of charge, and copy of indictment returned against defendant. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on printed form. 600 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's basement vt. 5.

For later records, see entry 127; for other records, see entry 149.

73. TRANSCRIPTS, 1862--. 37 file boxes, (A-XYZ).

Records of transcripts from justice of peace court, that have been filed with clerk of ~~the~~ circuit court, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, course of action, date of summons, date of trial, and action of court.

Arr. by case no. 10 x 4 x 13. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's vt.

74. TRANSFERS (OF COMPLAINTS FROM JUSTICE OF PEACE TO CIRCUIT COURT), 1915-21. 22 boxes.

Record of transfers of complaints from justice of peace to circuit court, showing copy of summons, petitions to open judgment, and fee charged.

Arr. by case no. 4 x 12 x 14. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's basement vt. 5.

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75. INSANE RECORD, 1870-1927. 15 vols. (1-13, and 2 vols. not numbered).

Record of proceedings for commitment to insane hospital, showing name of patient, address, age, birthplace, civil condition, personal history, statement of medical attendant, examiner, justice of peace, order of admission, warrant of arrest, and superintendent's receipt for patient. Indexed alph. by name of patient. Hdw. on printed form. 400 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Crown Point, C.C., 2 vols., 1870-1908, clerk's basement vt. 1; 13 vols., 1881-1927, clerk's vt.

For later records, see entry 71.

76. RECEIVERSHIP'S CLAIM DOCKET, 1932-34. 1 vol.

Record of receivership claims filed with the court, showing case no., names of estate, receiver, and counsel for receiver, claim no., date, name of claimant, amount of claim, and amount allowed. No index. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's vt.

77. NATURALIZATION RECORD, 1854-1929. 17 vols. (1-2, 2-5, 2-6, 1-4, and 2 vols. not numbered).

Record of the proceedings necessary to become a naturalized citizen of the U. S. A., showing name, residence, physical description, age, occupation, family history of petitioner, ports of entry, and date of emigration. Indexed alph. by name of petitioner. Hdw. on printed form. 275 pp. 17 x 11 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's vt.

78. NATURALIZATION RECORD (INDEX), 1843-1932. 1 vol.

Index to entry 77, showing name of applicant, date admitted, name of

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court, and book and page no. ^{and date} when applicant ^{action} is recorded. Indexed alph. by name of applicant. Typed. 500 pp. 14 x 9 x 2 3/4. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's vt.

Court Proceedings

(See also entries 130-131, 136-137, 154-160)

79. ENTRY DOCKET AND FEE BOOK, 1933--. 3 vols. (56-58).

Record of cases on court calendar^a, showing docket no., cause of action, names of plaintiff, ~~and~~ defendant, and attorney, and description of case. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's vt.

For earlier records, see entry 80.

80. ENTRY DOCKET, CIRCUIT COURT, 1853-1933. 20 vols. (A-Q, Q, Q,1).

Record of cases on circuit court calendar^a, showing docket no., attorney's name, cause of action, names of plaintiff and defendant, and description of case. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 2 3/4. Crown Point, C.C., 17 vols., 1853-1932, clerk's vt.; 3 vols., 1932-33, clerk's inner basement vt.

For later records, see entry 79.

81. ISSUE DOCKET, 1872--. 45 vols. (A-M, and 32 vols., not numbered).

(1901-07, missing.)

Record of court issues, showing case no., name of party, cause of action, witnesses, proceedings of the court, date, and names of plaintiff and defendant. 16 vols., indexed alph. by name of plaintiff; 29 vols., arr. by case no. Hdw. on printed form. 650 pp. 13 x 12 x 4 1/4. Crown Point, C.C., 16 vols., 1872-1901, clerk's basement vt. 1, 29 vols., 1908--., clerk's vt.

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82. BAR DOCKET, 1853-1929. 22 vols. (A-E, and 17 vols. not lettered). Judge's record of court cases, showing names of plaintiffs and defendants, date of filing, cause of action, cause no., and date of trial. Arr. by cause no. Hdw. on printed form. 175 pp. 12 x 8 x 1 1/8. Crown Point, C.C., 9 vols., 1853-1923, clerk's basement vt. 1; 13 vols., 1923-29, clk's. vt.

83. COURT DOCKET, 1871--. 127 vols. (G, G, D, D, A-Z, 1-50, and 47 vols. not marked).

Record of court cases, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, cause of action, findings of court, dates of entry and disposal. Indexed alph. *Name of 1871-1906, 1906--, Typed on printed form.* by plaintiff. Hdw. on printed form. 250 pp. 16 x 11 x 1 3/4. Crown Point, C.C., 93 vols., 1871-1906, clerk's basement vt. 1; 34 vols., 1906--, clk's. vt.

84. ORDER BOOK, 1837--. 105 vols. (A-Z, 1-7).

Record of the minutes and orders of the court, showing names of plaintiffs and defendants, cause of action, findings of court, case no., and date. Arr. alph. by cause no. 1837-97, hdw.; 1897--, typed. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 1/4. Crown Point, C.C., clk's. vt.

85. JUDGMENT DOCKET, 1848--. 27 vols. (C, F, A-S, T-Z).

Record of judgments rendered by court, showing dates, parties to action, amount of judgment or lien, satisfaction, receipt by clerk, receipt by judgment creditor or attorney, and book and page no. Indexed alph. by plaintiff. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 3/4. Crown Point, C.C., 20 vols., 1848-1926, clerk's inner basement vt.; 7 vols., 1926--, clerk's vt.

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86. COMPLETE RECORD, 1837-55. 1 vol. (A).

Complete record of cases, showing names of plaintiffs and defendants, cause no., date of trial, and records of action taken. Arr. chron.
Hdw. 600 pp. 16 x 10 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's vt.

Executions

(See also entries 161-166, 231-239)

87. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1854--. 22 vols. (C, A-D, A-Q).

Record of service of executions on judgments and sheriff's returns, showing date of issue, kind of writ, names of plaintiff and defendant, date and amount of judgment, court costs, and sheriff's return. Indexed alph. by parties. Hdw. on printed form. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{3}{4}$. Crown Point, C.C., 17 vols., 1854-1926, clerk's inner basement vt.; 5 vols., 1926--., clerk's vt.

88. TRANSCRIPTS AND EXECUTIONS, 1929-34. 1 file box.

Record of court proceedings in executions of authorized judgments, showing principals and sureties, addresses, amount of attorney fees, and replevin costs. Arr. by cause no. 10 x 4 x 13. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's vt.

For later records, see entry 87.

89-90. LIS PENDENS, 1877--. 14 vols. (1-6, 1-2, 1-3, 1, 1, and 1).

Subtitles: 3 vols., 1877--., Complaints; 1 vol., 1877-1925, Sheriff's Notices; 6 vols., 1881--., Sheriff's Certificates; 2 vols., 1893--., Redemption of Lands; 2 vols., 1880-1910, Redemption Records, of which one vol., is subtitled Statement and (Affidavit of Complaints).

Record of complaints filed against property, showing names of parties,

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cause no., description of property, and date of recording. (Sheriff's Notices), record of notices that the sheriff has attached property as directed by court order, showing names of parties, description of property, name of sheriff, and date recorded. (Sheriff's Certificates), record of sale of property on which judgment has been executed, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, date, amount of sale, costs, description of property, and name of buyer. (Redemption Record), record of property redeemed which has been sold after attachment, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, amount of sale, costs, by whom redeemed, description of property, and date. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. 1877-1913, hdw.; 1914--, typed. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Crown Point, C.C., 10 vols., 1877--, clerk's vt.; 4 vols., 1914--, clerk's off.

Probate Causes
(See also entries 167-177)

91. CASES PENDING, CIRCUIT COURT, PROBATE ACTION, (INVENTORY OF ^{C. & V. C.} ESTATES), 1906--. 4 file boxes.

Record of inventory of estates, showing appraiser's name, no. of case, date appraised, itemized inventory of properties, and value. Arr. by case no. Hdw. 18 x 24 x 54. Crown Point, C.C., probate commissioner's off.

92. ESTATES, 1858--. 126 file boxes, (1-126).

Record of settlements of estates, showing estate, beneficiaries, date of filing, lists of properties, administrator, and final report of settlement. Arr. by case no. 10 x 4 x 13. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's vt.

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93. GUARDIANSHIP, 1846--. 38 file boxes, (1-38).

Record of original papers of guardians, showing case no., wards, date of appointment as guardian, and description of property. Arr. by case no. Hdw. 10 x 4 x 13. Crown Point, CC. clerk's vt.

94. INDEX OF ESTATES AND GUARDIANSHIPS, 1853--. 4 vols.

Index to file boxes containing papers of estate and guardianship cases, showing case no., location of court, names of plaintiff and defendant, and file box no. Indexed alph. by names of estates and wards. Hdw. and typed. 200 pp. 17 x 12 x 1 3/8. Crown Point, C.C., 3 vols., clerk's inner basement vt.; 1 vol., clerk's vt.

95. LEDGER; ESTATE OF JOHN M. FOSTER, 1893-1901. 2 vols.

Record of the liquidation of the estate of John M. Foster, showing date of filing and sale, amount, and names of heirs. Indexed alph. by name of ward. Hdw. 200 pp. 12 x 6 x 1/2. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's basement stg. rm. 5.

96. WILL RECORD, 1839--. 9 vols. (A-I).

Record of wills filed and probated, showing name and late address of deceased, copy of will, date probated, names of witnesses, and record of certification by clerk. Arr. alph. by testator. 1839-1906, hdw.; 1907-14, hdw. and typed; 1915--, typed. 400 pp. 12 x 8 x 2 3/4. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's vt., main floor, rm. 5.

97. ~~WILLS~~ / (WILLS AND TESTAMENTS), 1869--. 19 file boxes (1-19).

Original wills and testaments for permanent record, showing name of deceased, late address, disposal made, distribution to heirs, signature, witnesses, and proof of wills, Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 10 x 4 x 13. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's vt.

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98. INDEX TO ESTATES AND WILLS, 1839--. 1 vol.

Record [✓]index to files, containing wills and information on estates, showing date, name of estate, case no., and file box no. Indexed alph. by testator. Hdw. 200 pp. 18 x 10 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's vt.

99. ADMINISTRATOR'S BONDS, OATHS, AND LETTERS, 1853--. 5 vols. (A, 2-5, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of letters filed and bonds posted to qualify as an administrator, showing oath taken, letters issued to person acting as administrator in cases where will is annexed, administrator's name, amount of bond, oath, and date of record. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's vt.

100. RECORD OF EXECUTORS' BONDS, OATHS, AND LETTERS, 1879--.

3 vols. (2-3, and 1 vol. [✓]not numbered).

Record of letters filed and bonds posted to qualify as executor, showing name of deceased, time of death, names of executor and surety, amount of bond, oath, and date recorded. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's vt.

101. RECORD OF GUARDIAN BOND, OATH, AND LETTERS, 1853--. 5 vols.

(A, 2-4, and 1 vol. not numbered)

Record of guardian's bond, and oath to discharge guardianship, showing name of guardian, sureties, amount of bond, name of ward, date and certification of guardianship. Indexed alph. by ^{name of}ward. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 16 x 12 x 2. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's vt.

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102. DEAD BONDS, 1892--.. 33 file boxes, (A-Z) ^{Title varies:} ~~6~~ marked State Bonds

Record of canceled bonds covering sale of real estate, showing guardian, administrator, court appearance, and appeal bonds. Indexed alph. by party bonded. 12 x 10 x 4. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's inner basement vt.

103. RECORD OF ADMINISTRATOR'S AND EXECUTOR'S REPORTS, 1872--.

8 vols. (1-8).

Record of copies of administrator's and executor's reports filed with the court in settling estates, showing name of administrator or guardian, date of filing, names of estate, heirs, wards, term of administrator, receipts and disbursements, and balance. Arr. numerically. Hdw. on printed form. 600 pp. 18 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Crown Point, C.C., 6 vols., 1872-1919, clerk's outer basement vt.; 2 vols., 1920--., clerk's vt.

104. RECORD OF INVENTORIES, 1870-1916. 3 vols. (A-C).

Record of inventories of estates filed by administrator and executor with the court, showing appraiser's name, date appraised, itemized inventory of properties, values of same, name of deceased, and no. of case. Indexed alph. by deceased. 1870-1905, hdw.; 1905-16, typod. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's vt.

For later records, see entry 91.

105. SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OF DECEDENTS, 1852-85. 2 vols.

Record of sale of personal property of decedents, showing itemized statement of articles sold, to whom sold, amount sold for, and whether cash or security. Indexed alph. by deceased. Hdw. on printed form. 250 pp. 17 x 12 x 2. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's basement vt.

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106. ESTATE DOCKET, 1883--. 24 vols. (11-30, and 4 not marked).

Minutes of the court in the probating of estates and the administering of wills, showing name of estate, name and address of administrator, amount of bond, name of surety, date of court action, and remarks. Arr. by case no. 1883-1908, hdw.; 1908--, typed. 450 pp. 15 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Crown Point, C.C., 20 vols., 1883-1908, clerk's basement vt.; 4 vols., 1895--, clerk's vt.

107. GUARDIANSHIP DOCKET, "PROBATE", 1874--. 20 vols. (11-29, and 1 vol. not marked).

Record of court orders for appointment of guardians, and the disposition of property of wards of the court, showing names of ward and guardian, address, amount of bond, name of surety, minutes of court, and dato. Arr. by case no. 1874-1908, hdw.; 1890--, typed. 450 pp. 16 x 11 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Crown Point, C.C., 19 vols., 1874-1908, clerk's outer basement vt.; 1 vol, 1890--, clerk's vt.

108. PROBATE DOCKET, 1867-93. 10 vols. (1-10).

Record of wills probated, showing name of deceased, property, names of beneficiaries, amount received, names of witnesses, and findings of court. Indexed alph. by decedent. Hdw. 200 pp. 16 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's vt.

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109. COMPLETE RECORD, 1838-50. 1 vol.

Complete record of all actions and proceedings in cases brought before court, showing names of administrators and deceased, endorsement by court, execution of will, and date. Arr. chron. Hdw. 600 pp. 13 x 8 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Crown Point, C.C., clerk' vt.

Juvenile Referee

Causes

110. CASE HISTORIES, 1914--. 24 filo boxes.

Record of minors, and persons acting under jurisdiction of the juvenile court in the settlement of guardianships, showing personal life of individual, address, age, sex, color, identity, parents' history and nationality. Arr. by case no. Hdw. on printed form. 15 x 1 x 24. Crown Point, C.C., probate commissioner's off.

111. JUVENILE, 1907-31. 62 file boxes.

Record of commitments of juveniles by board of childrens' guardians, showing name of juvenilo, date of commitment, and general action of board. of guardian. Arr. chron. 12 x 10 x 4. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's vt.

112. AFFIDAVITS, 1907--. 9 file boxes.

Record of affidavits filed, charging minors with unlawful offences, showing name of defendant, crime, date of warrant, and date of servico. Arr. by instrument no. Hdw. on printed form. 18 x 11 x 5. Crown Point, C.C., probate commissioner's off.

113. RECOGNIZANCE BOND RECORD, 1925--. 1 vol.

Record of rocnizance bonds for juvenile court, showing name of person admitted to bail, amount of bond, case no., surcties, address and signatures.

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Indexed alph. by name of principal. Hdw. on printed form. 200 pp.

10 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Crown Point, C.C., probate commissioner's off.

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114. JUVENILE COURT DOCKET, 1907--. 16 vols. (1, 1-14).

Record of disposition of juvenile cases tried in court, showing name of attorney, proceedings, name of persons, action taken, dates of disposition, name of truant officer, and findings of court. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on printed form. 320 pp. 18 x 13 x 1 $\frac{3}{4}$. Crown Point, C.C., 15 vols., 1907--, probate commissioner's off.; Hammond, Superior Courthouse, 1 vol., 1911-12, clerk's store rm.

115. ORDER BOOK, JUVENILE COURT, 1909--. 11 vols. (1-11).

Record of the dispositions of juvenile court charges, showing name, age of defendant, decision of court, cause of complaint, fines, costs, and case no. Indexed alph. by defendant. Typed. 590 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Crown Point, C.C., 7 vols., 1909-30, clerk's vt.; 4 vols., 1930--, probate commissioner's off.

Fees and Cash Records

116. FEE BOOK, 1873--. 56 vols. (24-58, F-Z).

Record of costs levied in actions, and fees collected in civil cases, showing names of plaintiff, defendant and attorney, case no., date, fees, and parties receiving money. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs and defendants. Hdw. on printed form. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{3}{4}$. Crown Point, C.C., 22 vols., 1873-1919, clerk's inner basement vt.; 34 vols., 1919--, clerk's vt.

Circuit Court

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117. REGISTER OF FEES, "CIRCUIT COURT", 1846-1901. 26 vols. (A-Z).

Record of fees, showing date of payment, cause in action, name of payee, amount, book and page record, and when paid. Indexed alph. by payer. Hdw. on printed form. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 3/4. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's outer basement vt.

For later records, see entry 187.

118. FEE BOOK--PROBATE COURT, 1837--. 9 vols. (B-G, 4, and 2 vols. not marked). 1864-77, missing.

Record of fees on estate cases, showing fees, claims allowed, date of claim, name of claimant, name of deceased, amount allowed, receipt, fees, bonds, and certified letters of administrators, Indexed alph. by name of defendant. 1837-1905, hdw.; 1905--, typed. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 2 1/2. Crown Point, C.C., 1 vol., 1837-64, auditor's basement vt.; 8 vols., 1877--, clerk's vt.

119. RECORD OF FINES AND FORFEITURES, 1910. 1 vol.

Record of fines and forfeitures collected, showing from whom collected, date collected, amount, date paid to county treasurer, and amount of forfeitures collected. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on printed form. 500 pp. 8 x 12 x 2 1/4. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's basement inner vt.

For earlier and later records, see entry 116.

120. REGISTERS OF WITNESS FEES AND OTHER, 1924-29. 1 vol.

Record of witness fees, showing for whom paid, cause, fee book and page, when paid in, amount paid, when paid out, and amount paid out. Indexed alph. by name of witness. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 13 x 2 1/4. Crown Point, C.C., clerk's basement inner vt.

For later records, see entry 116.

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121. CERTIFICATE OF FEES, 1914-21. 1 file box.

Record of fees in insanity cases, showing fees of witnesses, medical examiner, clerk, medical attendant, and justice of peace, name of patient, date, and sheriff's warrants. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 10 x 5 x 24. Crown Point, C.C., treasurer's outer basement vt.

122. INSANE JAIL FEES/ (COMMITMENT EXPENSE), 1925-32. 2 file boxes.

Record of expense of confining insane patients in county jail, showing name of patient, duration of confinement, amount of expense, and date of discharge. Arr. chron. 12 x 10 x 4. Crown Point, C.C., 1 file box, 1915-31, clerk's outer basement vt.; 1 file box, 1932, auditor's vt.

123. CIRCUIT COURT RECEIPTS, 1924--. 11 file boxes.

Record of receipts, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, cause no., against whom cost assessed, itemized statement of cost, and total amount. Arr. by cause no. Hdw. on printed form. 12 x 10 x 4. Crown Point, C.C., 9 boxes, 1924-30, clerk's basement inner vt.; 2 file boxes, 1931--, auditor's outer vt.

124-25. CIRCUIT COURT BILLS, 1892--. 7 file boxes.

Bills of expense of court, as jury expense, transporting prisoners, jury, commissioners' allowances, postage, purchase of books, and all other court expenses, showing date, amount, and purpose. Arr. chron. 12 x 10 x 4. Crown Point, C.C., 6 file boxes, 1892--, clerk's inner basement vt.; 1 file box, 1919-27, clerk's outer basement vt.

A criminal court was established in Lake County in 1881. The judge is elected for a four-year term. (Acts 1881 spc. sess.; Burns 1933 Stat., 4-2309.)

The inception date of this court in Lake County is 1919. All records are located in the Crown Point Criminal Courthouse, unless otherwise stated.

This court has original and exclusive jurisdiction of all crimes and misdemeanors, except where jurisdiction is conferred by law on justices of the peace, and such appellate jurisdiction in criminal cases as the circuit court exercises in counties having no criminal court. (Ibid.)

(See also ^{Causes} entries 68-78, 134-135, 143-153)

126. LAKE-CRIMINAL COURT, 1916--. 133 file boxes. (1-133). Original papers of criminal cases, and subpoenas, showing petitions for continuances, paroles, affidavits of witnesses, names of defendants, causes, attorneys, dates, and decisions of court. Arr. by case no. 4 x 10 x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$. Crown Point, Criminal Court Bldg., clerk's basement vt.

127. AFFIDAVIT AND INFORMATION RECORD, 1917--. 5 vols. (1-5). Record of criminal charges, affidavits, nature of crimes, showing names of complainants, names of parties involved, charges, description of crime, date, sworn statement, and date filed. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. 500 pp. 16 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Crown Point, Criminal Court Bldg., clerk's basement vt.

For earlier records, see entry 128.

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128. AFFIDAVIT AND INFORMATION RECORD, 1913-19. 1 vol.

Record of criminal charges, affidavits, ^{and} nature of crime; showing names of complainants, names of parties involved, charges, description of crime; date of sworn statement, and date filed. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. 500 pp. 16 x 13 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Crown Point, Criminal Court Bldg., clerk's basement vt.

For later records, see entry 127,

129. RECOGNIZANCE BOND RECORD, 1877--. 18 vols. (A-C, A-C, 1-10, 2 vols. numbered 1).

Record of bonds posted to insure appearance of defendant in court, showing date and amount of bond, charge, name of defendant, names of sureties, and signatures of sheriff and clerk. Indexed alph. by name of person bonded. Hdw. on printed form. 550 pp. 17 x 13 x 2. Crown Point, Criminal Court Bldg., clerk's basement vt.

Proceedings

(See also entries, 79-86, 136-137, 154-160)

130. CRIMINAL DOCKET, 1893--. 96 vols. (1-20, and 76 vols. not numbered.)

Record of minutes in criminal cases, showing name of defendant, charge, date filed, attorneys, date of trial, and disposition of case. Arr. chron. Hdw. 350 pp. 14 x 11 x 2 $\frac{3}{4}$. Crown Point, Criminal Court Bldg., 20 vols., 1893-99, clerk's basement vt.; 76 vols., 1899--, deputy clerk's off.

Causes--Proceedings (continued)

131. CRIMINAL ORDER BOOK, 1893--. 24 vols. ~~X~~ (1, 1, 6, 14, 21, 1-19). Title varies.

Record of cases filed in criminal court, showing name of defendant, indictments, attorneys, amount of bond, and dates. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. and typed. 600 pp. 17 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Crown Point, Criminal Court Bldg., clerk's basement vt.

Fee and Cash Records

132. FEE BOOK, 1885--. 33 vols. ~~X~~ (A-E, 1-28).

Record of fees collected in court costs, showing date filed, charge, disposition, name of arresting officer, amount of fees, amount of bond, and dates warrants issued. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 14 x 3. Crown Point, Criminal Court Bldg., 17 vols., 1885-1926, clerk's basement vt.; 16 vols., 1926--, clerk's main off.

133. REGISTER OF FEES AND FUNDS HELD IN TRUST, 1924--. 3 vols.

(2, and 2 vols. not numbered).

Record of fees and funds held in trust, showing date received, from whom, title of cause, cause no., amount, date disbursed, cash book no., and check no. Indexed alph. by name of payer. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 17 x 14 x 3. Crown Point, Criminal Court Bldg., clerk's basement vt.

For earlier records, see entry 117.

The common pleas court was established by an act of 1852. The judges were elected at regular elections for terms of four years.

The common pleas court had jurisdiction in matters relating to probate of wills; appointment of guardians for persons of unsound mind and other disabilities; in matters relating to executors and administrators; in civil matters ranging from fifty to one thousand dollars except cases of slander, libel, breach of marriage contract, and action of official bond, or where the title of real estate shall be in issue; and criminal jurisdiction in cases which are not felonies and which are not triable by a justice of the peace. (2 Rev. Stat. 1852, ch. 8, sec. 1.)

The inception date of this court in Lake County is 1853. All records are located in the courthouse in Crown Point, unless otherwise stated.

Because of the inadequacies of this court, it was abolished in 1873 and the jurisdiction was transferred to the circuit court. Pending cases continued to be entered in common pleas records until completion of the suits. (Acts 1873, ch. 29, sec. 80.)

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(See also entries 68-78, 126-129, 143-153)

134. COMMON PLEAS, 1853-73. 35 file boxes. (1-35).

Cases tried in common pleas court, showing name of defendant, cause, proceedings, and disposition of case. Arr. by case no. 10 x 4 x 13. Crown Point, Criminal Court Bldg., clerk's vt.

135. INDEX TO THE CASES IN THE LAKE COMMON PLEAS COURT, 1851-73.

1 vol.

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Index to cases tried in common pleas court, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, case no., and file box no. Arr. χ alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant, χ Typed. 120 pp. 17 x 12 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Clerk's vt.

Court Proceedings

(See also entries 79-86, 130-131, 154-160)

136. JUDGMENT DOCKET, 1853-82. 4 vols. (A-D).

Record of judgments rendered, showing dates, parties to action, amount of judgment or lien satisfaction, receipt by clerk, receipt by judgment creditor or attorney, and book and page nos. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. χ 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{3}{4}$. Clerk's basement vt.

137. ORDER BOOK, 1853-82. 6 vols. (A-F).

Record of cases filed and tried, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, case no., date, nature of action, and decree of court. Arr. by case no. Hdw. 600 pp. 17 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{4}$. Clerk's vt.

Proceedings in Probate Causes
(See also entries 106-109, 178-186)

138. APPEARANCE DOCKET, 1853-81. 2 vols. (A-B).

Record of persons to appear in court in probate cases, showing names of estates, proceedings, returns made by administrator, receipts of money, amount, names of claimants, and attorneys. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{4}$. Clerk's vt.

139. DOCKET-PROBATE, 1857-73. 3 vols.

Record of court action in estate cases, showing name of estate, names

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of administrator, executor, or guardian, dates, and minutes of court.

Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 125 pp. 13 x 8 x 1. 2 vols., 1857-67, clerk's basement vt.; 1 vol., 1867-73, clerk's vt.

140. COMPLETE PARTITION RECORD, COMMON PLEAS COURT, 1856-77. 1 vol.

Record of partition for division of properties, showing names of partitioners, description of property to be divided, amounts for each partitioner, name of estate, and settlement by commissioner. Indexed alph. by name of partitioner. Hdw. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{3}{8}$. Clerk's basement vt.

141. ALLOWANCE DOCKET, 1853-82. 1 vol.

Record of court allowances in real estate cases, showing names of administrators and executors, date of allowance, in whose favor, credits, amount of credit, receipt, and date of satisfaction. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on printed form. 200 pp. 17 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Clerk's basement vt.

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142. FEE BOOK, 1853-73. 6 vols. (A-E; 2 vols. lettered E).

Record of costs assessed and collected in civil actions, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, attorneys, cause no., dates, and fees.

Indexed alph., by names of plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. on printed form. 600 pp. $\frac{1}{2}$ 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{3}{4}$. Clerk's basement vt.

By an act of the legislature in 1895, one superior court was established to serve Lake, LaPorte, and Porter Counties. The three counties comprised a circuit in which the judge of the superior court sat in each county at specified dates. (Acts 1895, ch. 114, sec. 1-6.)

The legislature in 1907 constituted Lake County the judicial district of the Lake Superior Court (Acts 1907; Burns 1933 Stat., 4-1101), with one judge, and located its seat in the city of Hammond. (Acts 1907, ch. 112, sec. 3.) An act of 1911 divided Lake Superior Court into three rooms, numbered one, two, and three, and further divided Room 3 between Hammond and Crown Point. (Acts 1911, ch. 18, sec. 1-3, 7.) An amendment to this act in 1917 transferred Room 3 to Gary. (Acts 1917, ch. 5, sec. 1.)

In 1927 the legislature created a new superior court system for Lake County consisting of five judges. (Acts 1927; Burns 4-1103.) The act further provided that the two judges in Superior Courtrooms 1 and 6 should hold court in Hammond; the judge in Superior Courtroom 2 in East Chicago; and the two judges in the Superior Courtrooms 3 and 4, in Gary. (Acts 1927; Burns 4-1109.)

These courts have concurrent civil jurisdiction with the circuit court in all cases of civil matters except slander; concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit court in appeals from justice of peace courts, board of county commissioners, and mayors or city courts; and concurrent jurisdiction in actions by or against executors and administrators. (Acts 1871, 1877, 1879, 1907; Burns 4-1401.)

The inception date of this court in Lake County is 1895.

(See also ^{Civil and Criminal Causes} entries 68-78, 126-129, 134-135)

143. CURRENT CAUSES, SUPERIOR COURT, 1899--. 3,354 file boxes.

(1-176, 1-1042, 1-1309, 282-970; 139 file boxes not numbered).

Original papers of current cases, showing warrants, summons for appearance, names of plaintiff and defendant, kind of action, case no., date of trial, court judgment, proceedings, cause of suit, transcript of complaint, and disposition of case. 1899-1911, no index; 1911-26, indexed alph. by plaintiff and defendant; 1927--, arr. numerically by case no. 10 file boxes, 16 x 12 x 27; 176 file boxes, 10 x 4 x 13; 24 file boxes, 15 x 12 x 26, 1,042 file boxes, 11 x 3 x 4 $\frac{3}{4}$, 688 file boxes, 13 x 10 x 5; 105 file boxes, 5 x 11 x $13\frac{1}{2}$, 1,309 file boxes, 12 x 14 x $4\frac{1}{2}$. East Chicago, I.O.O.F. Hall, 186 file boxes, 1927--, clerk's off.; 1,730 file boxes, 1911--, basement stg. rm.; Hammond C.C., 1,309 file boxes, 1899--, clerk's vt.; 105 file boxes, 1928--, clerk's main off.

144. MOTION BLANKS, 1917--. 39 file boxes.

Motions filed in court during trial, showing dismissals, names of jurors, allowance of fees, waiver of right to change of venue, cause no., statement of motion, name of attorney, and name of opposing counsel, Arr. numerically by case no. 4 x 10 x 14. Gary, C.C., clerk's basement vt.

145. ORIGINALS OF RECEIVERSHIPS AND CLAIMS, 1928--. 77 file boxes.

Papers pertaining to closed banks in Hammond and Whiting, showing cause of receivership, name of receiver, and proceeding of court. Arr. alph. by name of bank. 5 x 11 x $13\frac{1}{2}$. Hammond, C.C., clerk's private off.

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146. (PETITIONS FOR BANK RECEIVERSHIPS), 1930--. 8 file boxes. Petitions for receiverships of banks, showing Miller State, Gary Labor, American Stat~~y~~/Central Trust and Savings, Glen Park, Mid City State, and First Indiana State. No index. 13 x 10 x 5. Gary, C.C., clerk's off.

147. FINAL REPORT ON NORTHERN STATE BANK OF GARY, INDIANA. 1918.

1 vol.

Record of depositors' claims, showing names and address^{لعمرو}, amount of claim, amounts allowed by court, and date of order. No index. Hdw. 152 pp. 14 x 11 x 3/4. Gary, C.C., clerk's record rm.

- 148. AFFIDAVITS AND INFORMATION RECORDS, 1913-18. 2 vols. (1,1).

Record of criminal charges and nature of crime; showing names of plaintiff and defendant, charges, and date filed. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on printed form. 544 pp. 14 x 15 x 3. Crown Point, Criminal Court Bldg., 1 vol., 1914-17, clerk's basement vt.; Hammond, C.C., 1 vol., 1913-18, clerk's vt.

149. RECORD OF INDICTMENTS BY GRAND JURY FILED IN THE LAKE SUPERIOR COURT; 1899-1918. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of indictments by grand jury, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, charge, and date recorded. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on printed form. 432 pp. 12 x 16 x 2 1/4. Hammond, C.C., clerk's vt.

For other records, see entry 72.

150. RECOGNIZANCE BONDS, 1897-1913. 2 file boxes.

Record of bonds posted by defendants. to insure appearance in court,

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showing name of defendant, amount of bond, date, cause of action, and case no. Arr. numerically by case no. 14 x 12 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Hammond, C.C., clerk's main off.

150a. BOND FILES, 1895--. 26 file boxes. (A-Z).

Record of bonds in attachment and garnishment, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, amount of bond, and date. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. 14 x 12 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. Hammond, C.C., clerk's main off.

150b. DISPOSED OF BONDS, 1931--. 12 file boxes.

Record of peace bonds which are inactive, filed with the court by plaintiff, in certain cause of action. Arr. numerically by case no. 4 x 10 x 14. Gary, C.C., clerk's basement vt.

151. GENERAL INDEX OF BONDS, 1896--. 6 vols. (1,1,1-4).

Record of index to bonds, showing name of principal, amount of bond, date, filed, vol. and page nos., names of sureties, kind of bond, appeal, and costs. Arr. alph. by name of person bonded. Hdw. 340 pp. 16 x 13 x 2. East Chicago, I.O.O.F. Hall, 1 vol., 1927--, clerk's off.; Gary, C.C., 1 vol., 1911--, clerk's record rm.; Hammond, C.C., 4 vols., 1896--, clerk's record rm.

152. DECLARATION OF INTENTION, 1910--. 103 vols. (1-25, 2-26, 2, 3, 1-6, 1-45). Vol. 1 of 2-26 set, missing.

Record of declaration of intention to become a citizen of U.S., showing names and address of petitioners, age, sex, color, nationality, oath, occupation, married or single, schooling, physical description, date of birth, birthplace, when and where entered U.S. Indexed alph.

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by name of applicant. Hdw. on printed form. 387 pp. 13 x 10 x 2.

Gary, C.C., 50 vols., 1914-- , clerk's record rm.; East Chicago, I.O.O.

F. Hall, 8 vols., 1928-32, clerk's off.; Hammond, C.C., 45 vols., 1910-29, clerk's record rm.

153. PETITIONS AND RECORDS (NATURALIZATION), 1898-1929. 25 vols. (1-25).

Record of petitions for naturalization papers, showing date, name of petitioner, age, color, nationality, place of birth, and name of parents. Indexed alph. by name of applicant. Hdw. 500 pp. 17 x 12 x 3. Hammond, C.C., clerk's record rm.

Court Proceedings

(See also entries 79-86, 130-131, 136-137)

154. ENTRY DOCKET, 1895-- . 60 vols. (1-17, 52-70, 24 vols. not numbered).

Record of cases filed for court action, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, date filed, cause of action, amount of fees, issue of summons, and attorneys. 1911-- , indexed alph., by names of plaintiff and defendant; 1895-- , arr. by case no. 1895-- , hdw., on printed form; 1911-- , typed on printed form. 409 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Gary, C.C., 17 vols., 1911-33, clerk's basement vt.; 19 vols., 1933-- , clerk's off.; Hammond C.C., 24 vols., 1895-- , clerk's record rm.

155. COURT DOCKET CIVIL, 1895-- . 187 vols. (1-16, 1-4, and 167 vols. not numbered).

Record of civil cases entered for action, showing names of plaintiff and

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defondant, names of attorneys, kind of action, minutes of court, date of entry, summons served, and disposition of case. Arr. by case no. Hdw. on printed form. 462 pp. 12 x 10 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. East Chicago, I.O.O.F. Hall, 15 vols., 1927--, clerk's off.; Gary, C.C., 24 vols., 1911--, clerk's off.; Hammond, C.C., 99 vols., 1895--, clerk's stg. rm.; 1. 49 vols., 1908--, clerk's record rm.

156. RECEIVERSHIP DOCKET CLAIMS, 1930--. 3 vols. (1, and 2 vols. not numbered).

Record of roceivership casos, and claims, showing date of allowance, amount paid on claims, claim no., name of claimant, name of estate, name and address of recoiver, and name of attornoyos. 1930-35, indexed alph. by name of claimant; 1931--, arr. by claim no. Hdw. on printed form. 578 pp. 15 x 15 x 2 $\frac{3}{4}$. East Chicago, I.O.O.F. Hall, 2 vols., 1931--, clerk's off.; Hammond, C.C., 1 vol., 1930-35, clerk's record rm.

157. ORDER BOOK, SUPERIOR COURT, 1895--. 140 vols. (1-14, 1-17, 1-31, and 78 vols. not numbered).

Record of court proceedings, showing date, case no., names of plaintiff, defondant, and attorneys, findings of court, service of summons, continuations, court orders, causo of action, and disposition of caso. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. 1895-1906, 1927--, hdw.; 1927--, typed. 567 pp. 12 x 15 x 3. East Chicago, I.O.O.F. Hall, 14 vols., 1927--, clerk's off.; Gary, C.C., 17 vols., 1911-30, clerk's basomont vt.; 19 vols., 1930--, clerk's off.; Hammond, C.C., 78 vols., 1895--, clerk's record rm.

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158. ORDER BOOK OF CRIMINAL CASES, 1911-19. 2 vols. (1,1).

Record of court proceedings in criminal cases, showing cause of action, name of party involved, affidavits, dates, and disposition of cases.

Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Typed. 588 pp. 12 x 18 x 3.

Hammond, C.C., clerk's record rm.

159. VACATION ORDER BOOK, 1911--. 1 vol.

Record of cases and motions, during vacation, showing copies of copies of complaints, names of plaintiff and defendant, kind of cause, and date.

Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. 1911-13, hdw.;

1913--, typed on printed form. 588 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Gary, C.C.,

clerk's record rm.

160. JUDGMENT DOCKETS, SUPERIOR COURT, 1895--. 53 vols. (1-4, 1-12, 1-16, 1-21).

Record of judgments rendered, showing date, names of plaintiff and defendant, nature of cause, names of attorneys, findings of court, costs, receipts of satisfaction, amount of judgment, and decree of judge.

Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. on printed form. 539 pp. 15 x 12 x 3. East Chicago, I.O.O.F. Hall, 4 vols.,

1927--, clerk's vt.; Gary, C.C., 28 vols., 1911--, clerk's record rm.;

Hammond, C.C., 21 vols., 1895--, clerk's record rm.

Executions

(See also entries 87-90, 231-239)

161. PRAECIPE OF EXECUTION, SUPERIOR COURT, 1927--. 10 vols.

Record of action for execution of judgment, showing names of plaintiff

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and defendant, nature of action, orders of court, date of sale, amount of sale, case no., term of court, and signature of attorney. 4 vols., 1927--, indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant; 6 vols., 1929--, no index. Hdw on printed form. 200 pp. 16 x 11 x 1. East Chicago, I.O.O.F. Hall, 4 vols., 1927--, clerk's off.; Gary, C.C., 6 vols., 1929--, clerk's record rm.

162. EXECUTION DOCKET (Sales on Decree), SUPERIOR COURT, 1895--.

23 vols. X (1-8, 1-8, 2-8).

Record of orders for sale of property to satisfy judgment, showing date of issue, kind of writ, names of plaintiff and defendant, description of property, amount of judgment, date of judgment, and remarks. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. on printed form. 782 pp. 13 x 14 x 4. Gary, C.C., 8 vols., 1917--, clerk's off.; Hammond, C.C., 15 vols., 1895--, clerk's record rm.

163. EXECUTION DOCKET (Return Docket). 1911--. 7 vols. X (1-7).

Record of executions, showing kind of writ, date of issue, names of plaintiff and defendant, against whom judgment was rendered, amount of judgment, cost, by what officer issued, and to whom delivered. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. on printed form. 283 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Gary, C.C., clerk's record rm.

164. RECORDS OF EXECUTIONS, BONDS, OATHS, AND LETTERS, 1917--.

2 vols. X (1-2).

Record of executions on judgments, showing name of defendant, date of execution for attachment of property, amount, letters, and affidavits of

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oaths, and bonds for stay of executions. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Hdw. on printed form. 600 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. Gary, C.C., clerk's record rm.

165. LIS PENDENS RECORDS, SUPERIOR COURT, (Subtitle~~d~~: 2 vols.,

Complaints; 1 vol., Redemption of Land, 1895-- , 29 vols.

(1,1,1¹/₂,2,1-7,1-3,1-12, and 3 vols. not numbered). ✓

Record of sheriff's sales of various properties, to satisfy judgments, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, description of property sold, amount of sale, nature of case and no., amount of judgment, costs, date; record of complaints, filed in court in which real property is or may be subject to execution, and record of redemption of real property, that has been sold on mortgage foreclosures, by execution and by tax sales. 18 vols., indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant; 11 vols., indexed alph. by name of property owner. Hdw. on printed form. 538 pp. 16 x 14 x 3. East Chicago, I.O.O.F. Hall, 3 vols., 1927-- , clerk's off.; Gary, C.C., 15 vols., 1911-- , clerk's record rm.; Hammond, C.C., 11 vols., 1895-- , clerk's record rm.

166. SUPPORT DOCKET, SUPERIOR COURT, 1923-- . 8 vols. (1,1-2, 1-5).

Record of support money paid for care of dependents, showing date of action, order, amounts of each payment, money received, clerk's receipt, book and page nos., cause no., for whom received, and date paid. Arr. alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on printed form. 365 pp. 16 x 14 x 2. East Chicago, I.O.O.F. Hall, 2 vols., 1927-- , clerk's off.; Hammond, C.C., 6 vols., 1923-- , clerk's off.

Probate Causes
(See also entries 91-105)

167. ESTATES AND GUARDIANSHIPS, SUPERIOR COURT, 1899--. 132 file boxes, (1-10, 1-88, and 34 not numbered). Tilt varies.

Original papers attending estates in process of being probated, and disposed of cases, showing name of deceased, property to be administered, date of filing, names of parties in action, attorneys, dates, report of administrator or guardian, case no., amounts, and decree of court. Arr. by case no. 13 boxes, 11 x 23 x 5; 12 boxes, 14 x 12 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$; 107 boxes, 13 x 10 x 5. East Chicago, I.O.O.F. Hall, 13 file boxes, 1927--, clerk's off.; Hammond, C.C., 12 boxes, 1899--, clerk's off.; Gary, C.C., 19 boxes, 1920--, clerk's off.; 88 file boxes, 1917--, clerk's record rm.

168. INDEX TO ESTATES AND WILLS, SUPERIOR COURT, 1927--. 2 vols. (1,1).

Index to estates and wills, showing case no., name of deceased, book, and page nos. 1 vol., arr. alph. by name of estate; 1 vol., arr. alph. by name of guardian. Hdw. on printed form. 325 pp. 14 x 14 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. East Chicago, I.O.O.F. Hall, 1 vol., 1927--, clerk's off.; Hammond, C.C., 1 vol., not dated, clerk's record rm.

169. GUARDIANSHIPS, SUPERIOR COURT, 1917--. 52 file boxes, (1-27, and 25 not numbered).

Original papers of pending and disposed of guardianship cases, showing names of parties in action, dates, property involved, names of guardians and wards, and disposition of property. Arr. by case no. 5 boxes, 11 x 23 x 5; 20 boxes, 13 x 10 x 3; 27 boxes, 4 x 10 x 14. East Chicago, I.O.O.F. Hall, 5 file boxes, 1927--, clerk's off.; Gary, C.C., 20 file boxes, 1919--, clerk's off.; 27 file boxes, 1917--, clerk's basement vt.

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170. INDEX TO GUARDIANS, SUPERIOR COURT, 1917--. 4 vols.

(1, 1, 1-2).

Index to guardianships, showing names of guardians and wards, name of estate, book, and page nos. Arr. alph. by name of guardian. Hdw. on printed form. 383 pp. 12 x 11 x 3. East Chicago, I.O.O.F. Hall, 1 vol., 1927--, clerk's off.; Gary, C.C., 2 vols., 1917--, clerk's off.; Hammond, C.C., 1 vol., clerk's record rm.

171. WILLS, SUPERIOR COURT, 1900--. 12 file boxes.

Copies of original wills, and settlement of estates, showing date and filing of will, names of beneficiaries, allotment to each, name of witness, name of testator, kind of property bequeathed, and itemized statement of bequests. 1 file box, 1927--, arr. chron., 2 file boxes, 1930--, 11 file boxes, 1900, arr. by case no. 1 box, 11 x 23 x 5; 11 boxes, 14 x 12 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. East Chicago, I.O.O.F. Hall, 1 file box, 1927--, clerk's off.; Gary, C.C., 2 file boxes, 1930--, clerk's basement vt.; Hammond, C.C., 9 file boxes, 1900--, clerk's record rm.

171a. WILL RECORDS FILED IN SUPERIOR COURT, 1898--. 4 vols.

(1-4).

Copy of last will and testament of deceased, showing name of deceased, bequests of deceased, kind of property bequeathed; date of will, witnesses, and names of heirs. Indexed alph. by name of testator. 1898-1917, hdw.; 1917--, typod. 580 pp. 12 x 18 x 3. Hammond, C.C., clerk's record rm.

172. INDEX TO WILLS AND ESTATES, 1917--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Index to file boxes and vols., showing name of estate, case no., file box no., book, and page nos. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Hdw. on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Gary, C.C., clerk's off.

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173. RECORD OF ADMINISTRATOR'S BONDS, OATHS, AND LETTERS, 1899--.

14 vols. * (1, 1-3, 1-10).

Record of administrator's bonds, oaths, and letters, showing name of administrator, amount of bond, names of sureties, date, oath, name of estate, case no., letters pertaining to duty, and date approved by court. Indexed alph. by name of administrator. Hdw. on printed form. 542 pp. 14 x 13 x 2. East Chicago, I.O.O.F. Hall, 1 vol., 1927--, clerk's off.; Gary, C.C., 3 vols., 1917--, clerk's record rm.; Hammond, C.C., 10 vols., 1899--, clerk's record rm.

174. RECORD OF EXECUTOR'S AND ADMINISTRATOR'S BONDS, SUPERIOR

COURT, 1899--. 3 vols. * (1, 1-3); 1 file box.

Record of executor's and administrator's bonds, showing names of executor or administrator, names of sureties, kind of bond, amount, date filed, and nature of bond. 4 vols., 1899--; indexed alph. by name of executor; 1 box, 1927--, arr. by case no. Hdw. 4 vols., 290 pp. 15 x 14 x 2. 1 file box, 11 x 23 x 5. East Chicago, I.O.O.F. Hall, 1 vol., 1927--, clerk's off.; 1 file box, 1927--, clerk's vt.; Hammond, C.C., 3 vols., 1899--, clerk's record rm.

175. RECORD OF GUARDIAN'S BONDS, OATHS, AND LETTERS, SUPERIOR

COURT, 1899--. 8 vols. * (1, 1-2, 1-5); 1 file box.

Record of guardian's bonds, oaths, and letters, showing names of guardian and ward, kind and amount of bond, names of sureties, names of estate, date, oath, and letters pertaining to guardianships. Vols., indexed alph. by name of guardian; file box, arr. by case no. Hdw. on printed form. Vols., 206 pp. 14 x 13 x 2; file box, 11 x 23 x 5. East Chicago, I.O.O.F. Hall, 1 vol., 1 file box, 1927--, clerk's off.; Gary, C.C.,

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2 vols., 1919--, clerk's record rm.; Hammond, C.C., 5 vols., 1899--, clerk's record rm.

176. INVENTORY RECORD, 1899--. 12 vols. (1-5, 1-7).

Record of inventory and appraisement of property of minor heirs, showing names of appraisers, name of estate, itemized list of property, value of property, and return of inventory. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. 1899--, hdw.; 1899-1913; typod. 600 pp. 12 x 18 x 3. Hammond, C.C., 7 vols., 1899--, clerk's record rm.; 5 vols., 1899--, clerk's off.

177. INHERITANCE TAX RECORD, 1920--. 6 vols. (1, 1-5).

Record of taxes paid from inheritance on various estates, showing date, by whom paid, case no., names of administrator, value of property, amount of pending claims, and value of estate, distribution of estate, and amount of tax. Indexed alph. by name of estate. 1927-34, typed on printed form; 1920--, hdw.; on printed form. 590 pp. 15 x 14 x 4. East Chicago, I.O.O.F. Hall, 1 vol., 1927-34, clerk's off.; Hammond, C.C., 5 vols., 1920--, clerk's record rm.

For other records, see entry 352.

Proceedings in Probate Causes

(See also entries 106, 109, 132-141)

178-179. GENERAL ENTRY CLAIM AND ALLOWANCE. DOCKETS, SUPERIOR COURT, 1899--. 7 vols.

Record of claims and allowances made by court to the administrator, showing name of estate, administrator's bond, name of claimant, amount of

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claim, date filed, names of plaintiff and defendant, amount paid, to whom paid, case no., nature of claim, and amount allowed. 1 vol., 1927-- , indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant; 6 vols., 1899-- , indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on printed form. 210 pp. 15 x 16 x 2. East Chicago, I.O.O.F. Hall, 1 vol., 1927-- , clerk's off.; Hammond, C.C., 6 vols., 1899-- , clerk's record rm.

180. ALLOWANCE AND CLAIM, COURT DOCKET, 1931-- . 1 vol.

Record of claims filed, and amount allowed, showing names of parties, cause, and minutes of court. Arr. by claim no. Typed on printed form. 1,000 pp. 12 x 12 x 5. Hammond, C.C., clerk's record rm.

For earlier record, see entry 178-79.

181. ESTATE ENTRY CLAIM AND ALLOWANCE DOCKET , 1917-- . 3 vols.

(1-3).

Record of claims, allowances, and fees, in settlement of estates, showing date, of decedents death, name of estate, name of executor or administrator, amount of bond, names of sureties, date of letters, claims, and receipts of satisfaction. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Hdw. on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 16 x 3. Gary, C.C., clerk's record rm.

182. ENTRY DOCKETS, SUPERIOR COURT, 1927-- . 5 vols. (1-5).

Record of cases entered for court action, showing case no., names of attorneys, plaintiff and defendant, nature of action, date, and remarks. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. on printed form. 250 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. East Chicago, I.O.O.F. Hall, clerk's off.

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183. COURT DOCKET, ESTATES, SUPERIOR COURT, 1899--. 16 vols.

(2-4, and 13 vols. not numbered). Vol. 1, missing.

Record of estate cases filed for court action, showing names of estate, administrator, executor, guardian, and attorneys, name of decedent, date of publication, bond, application of will, inventory of personal property, and proceedings of court. Arr. by case no. East Chicago, I.O.O.F. Hall, 1 vol., 1927--, clerk's off.; Hammond, C.C., 15 vols., 1899--, clerk's record rm.

184. COURT DOCKET, GUARDIANSHIP, 1927--. 1 vol.

Record of guardianship cases for court action, showing names of parties in action, dates, property involved, and case no. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 1,000 pp. 12 x 13 x 5. East Chicago, I.O.O.F. Hall, clerk's off.

185. PROBATE ORDER BOOK, SUPERIOR COURT, 1899--. 28 vols.

(1-2, and 26 vols. not numbered).

Record of estates and guardianship cases, showing name of deceased, names of heirs, value of estate, amount of tax, value of interest in estate, names of administrator, executor, and guardian, description of estate, amount of surety, orders, and proceedings of court. Indexed alph. by name of estate. 1899-1904, hdw.; 1904--, typed. 533 pp. 16 x 14 x 3. East Chicago, I.O.O.F. Hall, 2 vols., 1927--, clerk's off.; Hammond, C.C., 26 vols., 1899--, clerk's record rm.

186. ADMINISTRATOR'S FINAL RECORD, SUPERIOR COURT, 1917--. 9

vols. (1, 1-3, 1-5).

Record of final reports on wills, bonds, estates, and guardianships,

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showing names of heirs, attorneys, description of property involved, itemized statement of debts and credits of estate, amount each heir received, funds collected from various sources, settlement of claims against estate, and disposal of all property. 4 vols., 1917-- , indexed alph. by name of administrator; 5 vols., 1919-- , indexed alph. by name of deceased. Typed. 511 pp. 16 x 14 x 3. East Chicago, I.O.O.F. Hall, 1 vol., 1928-- , clerk's off.; Hammond, C.C., 3 vols., 1917-- , clerk's record rm., Gary, C.C., 5 vols., 1919-- , clerk's record rm.

Fees and Cash Records

187. TRUST FUND REGISTER, 1910-- . 5 vols. ~~2~~ (2,1-4).

Register of fees and funds held in trust, showing from whom received, title of cause, date, purpose of fund, source, amount of fund, and amount disbursed. Indexed alph. by name of beneficiary. Hdw. on printed form. 550 pp. 15 ^x 15 x 3. Gary, C.C., 1 vol., 1932-- , clerk's off.; Hammond, C.C., 4 vols., 1910-- , clerk's record rm.

188. FEE BOOKS, SUPERIOR COURT, 1911-- . 82 vols. ~~8~~ (1-15, 1-57).

Record of fees in various cases, showing dates, to whom paid, purpose, case no., to which case charged, and amount of fee. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. 15 vols., 1928-- , typed on printed form; 67 vols., 1911-- , hdw. on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. East Chicago, I.O.O.F. Hall, 15 vols., 1928-- , clerk's off.; Gary, C.C., 67 vols., 1911-- , clerk's record rm.

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189. PROBATE FEE BOOKS, SUPERIOR COURT, 1900--. 20 vols.

(1-2, 1-5, 1-11, 5, 6).

Record of probate fees assessed against estates, showing from whom received, purpose, names of deceased, ^{and} beneficiaries, date of filing, amount of fees assessed, name of estate, to whom paid, and date.

2 vols., 1927--, indexed alph. by name of estate; 5 vols, 1917---, indexed alph. by name of deceased; 13 vols., 1900--, indexed alph. by name of heir. Hdw. on printed form. 528 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. East Chicago, I.O.O.F. Hall, 2 vols., 1927--, clerk's off.; Gary, C.C., 5 vols., 1917---, clerk's off.; Hammond, C.C., 13 vols., 1900--, clerk's record rm.

190. PROBATE FEE BOOKS OF GUARDIANSHIPS, 1917--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of fees charged in probating guardianship, showing names of guardians and wards, name of estate probated, dates, and reason for fees. Indexed alph. by name of ward. Hdw. on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Gary, C.C., clerk's off.

Receipts and Disbursements

191. DAILY BALANCE BOOK, 1923--. 34 vols. (1-8, 2-4, 6, 6, 7, and 18 vols. not numbered).

Record of receipts and disbursements, showing date, from whom received, to whom paid, purpose, case no., balance at beginning of day, receipts and disbursements for day, balance at close of day, name of banks, amount deposited, total balance and receipts. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 298 pp. 11 x 10 x 2. East Chicago, I.O.O.F. Hall, 8 vols., 1927--, clerk's off.; Gary, C.C., 12 vols., 1925--, clerk's record rm.; Hammond, C.C., 14 vols., 1923--, clerk's record rm.

Receipts and Disbursements (continued)

192. CASH BOOK OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, SUPERIOR COURT,

1911--. 36 vols. (1-3,1-3,1-4,1,1-10,2-4,5-10,6-10).

Record of receipts and disbursements, showing names of payer, to whom paid, purpose, cause no., date, check no., amount, receipt no., and name of bank. 1911--, arr. chron.; 1927--, indexed alph. by name of payer or recipient. Hdw. on printed form. 384 pp. 16 x 15 x 2. East Chicago, I.O.O.F. Hall, 3 vols., 1927--, clerk's off.; Gary, C.C., 11 vols., 1911--, clerk's off.; Hammond, C.C., 21 vols., 1911--, clerk's record rm.

193. DISTRIBUTION RECORD, 1908--. 3 vols. (1,1-2).

Record of judgments and fees paid and credited and distributed according to decree of court, showing case nos., dates received and disbursed, names of parties, and amounts. 1 vol., 1929--, indexed alph. by name of payer; 12 vols., 1908--, indexed alph. by name of decedent. Hdw. 588 pp. 15 x 15 x 3. East Chicago, I.O.O.F. Hall, 1 vol., 1929--, clerk's off.; Hammond, C.C., 2 vols., 1909--, clerk's record rm.

194. STUBS OF RECEIPTS PAID OUT BY COUNTY CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT,

1895--. 46 vols. 1909-10, missing.

Record of money paid out by order of court, showing cause no., purpose, to whom paid, date, and amount. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 175 pp. 11 x 15 x $1\frac{1}{2}$. Hammond, C.C., 20 vols., 1895-1908, clerk's stg. rm. 2, 26 vols., 1911--, clerk's record rm.

195. REGISTER OF JURORS, 1895--. 6 vols.

Register of jurors, showing names and addresses of jurors, no. of days served, miles traveled, dates, term of court, and amount of fees. 2

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vols., 1911--, indexed alph. by name of juror; 4 vols., 1895--, arr. chron.
Hdw. on printed form. 350 pp. 14 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Gary, C.C., 2 vols., 1911--,
clerk's off.; Hammond, C.C., 4 vols., 1895--, clerk's vt.

The recorder is a constitutional officer elected for a four-year term. He is nominated in the primary and elected in the regular election, and is not eligible to hold office for more than eight years in any twelve-year period (Ind. Const., art. 6, sec. 2; 1 Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1901; Burns 1933 Stat., 49-3201).

The inception date of this office in Lake County is 1837. All records of this office are located in the courthouse in Crown Point unless otherwise stated.

It is the recorder's duty to enter upon the books of his office at the time they are executed, all satisfactions, cancelations, and assignments, of whatever kinds, attest the release of mortgages, leases, or other instruments required by law to be recorded, record every conveyance or other instrument entitled and required by law to be recorded, to keep special records of cemetery deeds, cemetery associations, farm names, chattel mortgages, and miscellaneous instruments. (1 Ind. Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1856, 1875 spec. sess., 1905, 1913, 1919, 1925, 1927, and 1931; Burns 1933 Stat., 49-3203 to 49-3235.)

Deeds, Titles, and Grants

196. DEED RECORDS, SHERIFF DEEDS, TAX TITLE DEEDS, SWAMPLAND DEEDS, 1863--. 540 vols. (4-543). (Vols., 1-3, prior to 1863, missing.)

Record of various forms of deeds, showing names of grantors and grantees, description of property conveyed, dates, and consideration. Indexed

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alph. by name of grantor. 182 vols., 1863-1928, hdw.; 268 vols., 1912-29, typed; 90 vols., 1929--, photostat. 550 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. 220 vols., 1863-1928, recorder's vt.; 320 vols., 1928--, recorder's off.

197. GENERAL INDEX OF DEEDS, 1836--. 91 vols. (2 sets, 1-44, and 3 vols. not numbered.)

Index of deeds filed, showing names of grantee and grantor, kind of deed, date, description of property, location, date recorded, book page, and consideration. Arr. alph. by names of grantor and grantee. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recorder's vt.

198. SHERIFF'S DEEDS, 1851--. 26 file boxes. (A-Z).

Deeds filed and recorded, but uncalled for, showing purchaser, description of property, amount, judgment, and name of sheriff. Arr. as to date of filing. 4 x 4 x 14. Recorder's record rm.

199. QUIT CLAIM DEED, 1885--. 26 file boxes. (A-Z).

Quit claim deeds filed, but uncalled for, showing names of parties, consideration, date, and description of property. Arr. as to date of filing. 4 x 4 x 14. Recorder's record rm.

200. WARRANTY DEEDS, 1842--. 26 file boxes. (A-Z).

Warranty deeds filed and recorded, but not called for, showing names of grantor and grantee, date, description of property, and consideration. Arr. as to date of filing. 4 x 4 x 14. Recorder's record rm.

201. QUIET TITLE RECORD, 1912--. 2 vols. (1, and 1 vol. not numbered.)

Record of quiet title decrees, judgments, and findings of courts in actions

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to quiet title in real estate cases, showing owners' names, plaintiff and defendant, description of property, and dates of decisions. Indexed alph. by name of owner. 1912-1915 hdw.; 1915-- , typed. 375 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Recorder's record rm.

Mortgages and Releases

Real Estate

202. MORTGAGE RECORD, 1854-- . 463 vols. (1-459, 3, 11, and 2 vols. lettered G).

Record of mortgages, showing names, description of property, consideration, date due, acknowledgment, rate of interest, and amount of mortgage. Indexed alph. by names of mortgagee and mortgagor. 1854-1909, hdw.; 1909-20, typed; 1920-- , photostat. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 2.

Recorder's record rm.

203. GENERAL INDEX OF MORTGAGES, 1838-- . 65 vols. (2 sets, 1-31, and 3 vols. numbered 3).

Index of mortgages, showing description of property, date, amount of mortgage, and book and page no. Arr. alph. by names of mortgagor and mortgagee. Hdw. on printed form. 150 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recorder's record rm.

204. MORTGAGES, 1858-- . 26 files. (A-Z).

Mortgages that have been filed and recorded, but uncalled for, showing names of mortgagors and mortgagees, date, amount of mortgage, conditions, and description of property. Arr. chron. 4 x 4 x 14. Recorder's record rm.

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Chattels

205. CHATTEL MORTGAGES, 1880--. 123 vols. (1-123).

Record of chattel mortgages, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, dates, description of property, amount, dates of maturity and satisfaction. Indexed alph. by names of mortgagor and mortgagee. 1880-1915, hdw.; 1915-1929, typed; 1929--, photostatic. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recorder's record rm.

For earlier records, see entry 222.

206. CHATTEL MORTGAGE INDEX, 1917--. 16 vols. (2 sets, 1-8).

Index of chattel mortgages, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, and book and page no. Arr. alph. by names of grantor and grantee. Hdw. on printed form. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recorder's record rm.

For earlier records, see entry 223.

207. CHATTEL MORTGAGE, 1885--. 26 file boxes, (A-Z).

Chattel mortgages filed and recorded, but uncalled for, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, date, description of personal property, amount of mortgage, and conditions. Arr. chron. by ~~dates~~. 4 x 4 x 14. Recorder's record rm.

Releases

208. RELEASE OF MORTGAGE, 1885--. 26 files, (A-Z).

Mortgage releases uncalled for, showing names of mortgagor, and mortgagee, description of property, and date of satisfaction. Arr. chron. by ~~date~~. 4 x 4 x 14. Recorder's record rm.

Liens

209. INCOME TAX RECORDS, 1931--. 1 vol. ^{(2)*} (1 vol. missing.)

Record of income tax, showing notice of tax lien, name, residence, nature of tax, tax period, tax assessment, interest, and date of assessment list. Indexed alph. by name of taxpayer. Photostat. 111 pp. 18 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recorder's record rm.

209a. MECHANIC LIEN RECORD, 1857-93. 2 vols. (1,2).

Record of mechanics' liens, showing names of parties, type of work, materials used, date due, and date lien filed. Indexed alph. by name of owner. Hdw. on printed form. 460 pp. 16 x 11 x 2. Recorder's record rm.

For later records, see entry 222.

210. IMPROVED STOCK LIEN RECORD, 1891. 1 vol.

Record of improved stock lien, showing name of holder of lien, owner of animal, date of service, amount of lien, and description of property. Indexed alph. by name of owner. Hdw. on printed form. 592 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recorder's off.

Register of legal instruments

211. ENTRY BOOK, 1848--. 81 vols. (2-3, 5-81). (Vol. 4, missing).

Record of entries of deeds, mortgages, patents, bonds, leases, state docds, powers of attorney and mortgage releases, showing names of interested parties, date, kind of record, description of property, fees, and book and page no. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 600 pp. 18 x 16 x 2 5/8. Recorder's record rm.

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212. RECORD OF WILLS AND ORDERS OF COURT, 1876-1903. 1 vol.

Record of wills and orders of court in the settlement of estates, showing decisions, names of plaintiff and defendant, dates, name of testator, and property involved. Indexed alph. by name of testator. Hdw. on printed form. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 3/4. Recorder's record rm.

213. REGISTER OF FARM NAMES, 1914-35. 1 vol.

Record of names given to various farms in the county, showing name of owner, description of property, farm name registered, and date. Indexed alph. by name of owner. Hdw. on printed form. 252 pp. 8 x 12 x 2. Recorder's record rm.

214. RECORD OF MARKS AND BRANDS, 1838-70. 1 vol.

Record of marks and brands used by owners of live stock, showing marks and brands, owner, residence, and dates. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 120 pp. 12 x 7 x 1 1/4. Recorder's record rm.

215. RECORD OF INDENTURE, 1854-88. 1 vol.

Record of agreements with persons taking charge of minor children in apprentice proceedings, showing name and duty of child, color, age, residence of guardian, to what apprenticed, and schooling allotted. Indexed alph. by name of child. Hdw. on printed form. 400 pp. 12 x 8 x 2 1/8. Recorder's record rm.

216. LAKE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, 1851-86. 4 books.

Record of organization and proceedings, showing dates of meetings, transactions, owners of stock, articles entered for show purposes, exhibits, class^{es}, and premiums. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 12 x 8 x 1 1/2. Recorder's record rm.

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217. ROAD TAX LIST, 1875-94. 2 vols.

Record of taxes assessed against land owner, for construction and repairs to roads, showing name of owner, description of property, date, and amount^{of} assessment. Arr. numerically by assessment no. Hdw. on printed form. 62 pp. 14 x 9 x 3/4. Recorder's off.

For earlier records, see entry 253; for later records, see entry 15.

218. AFFIDAVITS, 1858--. 25 file boxes. (A-Y).

Record of affidavits filed and recorded, but uncalled for, showing tax paid on intangibles, mortgage holders, release of mortgages, affidavits for loss of release of mortgages, and non-residence. Arr. chron. 4 x 4 x 14. Recorder's record rm.

219. BOUNDARY CHANGE RECORD, 1887-1902. 3 vols. (1, 2, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Record of deeds and mortgages from Jasper County to Lake County, on account of boundary line changes, showing date, names, description of property, copy of warrants, deeds, and unreleased mortgages. Indexed alph. by^{name of} grantor and grantee. Typed on printed form. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recorder's record rm.

220. RECEIPTS FOR PAPERS, (GENERAL INDEX TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION), 1880--. 1 vol.

Record of articles of incorporation, showing name, date, location of corporation, date of filing, and book and page no. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recorder's off.

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221. RECEIPTS FOR PAPERS, 1897-1909. 3 vols. (1,2,3).

Record of receipts for papers to be recorded, showing no. of papers, date, received and returned, and by whom received. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 425 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Recorder's off.

Miscellaneous Records

222. MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS, 1871--. 291 vols. (1-291).

Record showing satisfaction of mortgages, mechanics' liens, affidavits, sales contracts, and power of attorney. Arr. chron. Typed on printed form. 500 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recorder's record rm.

223. MISCELLANEOUS INDEX, 1844--. 57 vols. (2 sets 1, 26, 27-30, 31). (1 vol. missing.)

Index to chattel mortgages, bills of sale, articles of agreement, wills, releases of mortgages, and articles of incorporation, leases, powers of attorney, mechanics' liens, army discharges, and assignments of mortgages. Indexed alph, by first party in instrument. Hdw. on printed form. 600 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recorder's record rm.

Fee and Cash Books

224. RECORDER'S CASH BOOK, RECORDER'S FEE AND CASH BOOK, 1892--.

71 vols. (1-3, 9-66, and 10 vols. not numbered).

Record of cash received daily for filing of various instruments, showing date, from whom received, and amount disbursed to treasurer. 66 vols., no index; 5 vols., by instrument no. Hdw. on printed form. 450 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Recorder's record rm.

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225. JOURNAL, CASH RECEIV D, June to Nov., 1929. 1 vol.

Record of cash received from fees, showing date, name of payee, bank, and amount of check. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 14 x 8 x 1 $\frac{1}{4}$. Recorder's off.

For earlier and later records, see entry 224.

Maps and Plats

226. PLAT BOOKS, 1873--.. 32 vols. (1-23, 1-4, 5, 10-12, 22, 2,2).

Record of plats, showing location, description of property, and plat subdivisions. Arr. alph. by names of towns. 1873-1929, hdw.; 1929--, photostat. 75 pp. 26 x 18 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Recorder's record rm.

227. INDEX TO PLATS, 1874--.. 2 vols. (3, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Index to subdivision plats, showing name of subdivision or addition, location and legal description, sizes of lots or parcels, and book and page no. Indexed alph. by name of subdivision. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 19 x 12 x 2 $\frac{3}{4}$. Recorder's record rm.

The sheriff is a constitutional officer chosen for a four-year period and is not eligible to hold office more than four years in any period of six years. He is a political officer, nominated by primary and elected in the regular election. He must give bond for five thousand dollars. (2 Ind. Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns, 1933 Stat., 49-2801.)

The inception date of this office in Lake County is 1837.

The sheriff arrests without process all persons who, within his view, commit any crime or misdemeanor, delivers them before a justice of the peace of Lake County and holds them in his custody until the cause of such arrest has been investigated; pursues and commits to jail all felons; and executes all process directed to him by legal authority. It is also his duty to protect persons in danger from mobs and possible lynchings. (2 Ind. Rev. Stat., 1852; Burns, 1933 Stat., 49-2802 to 49-2808.)

Investigations and Reports

228. SHERIFF'S DOCKET, 1889-92. 1 vol. Subtitled; Subpoenas. Record of sheriff's docket of service of summons, showing subpoenas, warrants issued, court action, parties' names, service date, and amount of fees. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on printed form. 428 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Crown Point, C.C., sheriff's vt.

For later fee records, see entry 241.

Investigations and Reports (continued)

229. JAIL REGISTERS; Subtitled; Federal Prisoners. 1898--.

15 vols., 6 vols., numbering varies; 9 vols., not numbered.

Record of jail register, showing prisoner's name, admittance date, crime, date of disposal of prisoner, no. of days in jail, expense account, and transportation. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 320 pp. 17 x 15 x 2 3/4. Sheriff's vt.

230. REGISTER OF JURORS, 1887-95. 1 vol.

Record of names of persons called for jury service, showing date, juror's name, and court term. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 150 pp. 14 x 8 x 1/2. Crown Point, C.C., sheriff's vt.

For earlier records, see entry 34.

Execution Records
(See also entries 87-90, 161-166)

231. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1916--. 3 vols.

Record of writs of execution, showing no., issue, date, kind of writ, parties against whom judgment is rendered, debt or damage, interest, costs, and date returned to court. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 3/4. Crown Point, C.C., sheriff's vt.

For earlier records, see entry 87.

232. EXECUTION DOCKET, SUPERIOR COURT, 1927--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of execution of sale, and orders given by court, showing plaintiff, defendant, nature of action, amount of judgment, property description, and return made to court. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant.

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Hdw. on printed form. 290 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. East Chicago, C.C., sheriff's private off.

233. EXECUTION DOCKET, SUPERIOR AND CIRCUIT COURT, 1925--. 2

vols. (1 vol., 3, 1 vol. not numbered.)

Record of sheriff's executions, showing property involved, location, owner's name, date, and purpose of execution. Arr. alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on printed form. 290 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Gary, C.C., sheriff's front off.

234. SHERIFF'S EXECUTION DOCKET, 1896--. 3 vols.

Record of writs of executions served, showing cause no., date received, service and return dates, and duplicate of return. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 12 x 18 x 3. Hammond, C.C., sheriff's off.

235. REGISTER OF SUMMONS, 1931--. 2 vols.

Record of summons, showing plaintiff and defendant name, case no., and date received and served. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. on printed form. 150 pp. 12 x 9 x 1 $\frac{3}{4}$. East Chicago, C.C., sheriff's off.

236. SUMMONS, 1927--. 3 file boxes.

Copies of summons issued by clerk, and served by sheriff, showing name of person summoned, address, date summons served, and reason summons served. Arr. by case no. 6 x 8 x 18. East Chicago, C.C., sheriff's front off.

237. FOREIGN WRIT, 1932--. 2 vols. (1 vol., 8, and 1 vol. not numbered.)

Record of writs from other counties, showing nature of writ, date, case

Execution Records (continued)

no., plaintiff, defendant, county, court term, when received, when served, when returned, and sheriff's costs. No index. Hdw. on printed form. 200 pp. 18 x 10 x 2. Gary, C.C., sheriff's off.

238. REGISTER OF FOREIGN WRITS, 1934--. 1 vol.

Record of writs from other counties, showing parties' names, cause, date received, date served, and date returned. Arr. by cause no. Hdw. on printed form. 600 pp. 12 x 18 x 3. Hammond, C.C., sheriff's off.

239. ORDER OF SALE DOCKET, 1917--. 6 vols. (2 vols., 1931-32;

2 vols., A-B; 2 vols., not numbered.)

Record of order of sales by the court directing the sheriff to sell properties against which there is a judgment, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, description of property, amount of judgment, date of sale, amount received, and date of sheriff's return to court. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Crown Point, C.C., sheriff's vt.

For earlier records, see entry 84.

Fee and Cash Books

240. SHERIFF'S CASH BOOK, 1893--. 3 vols.

Record of cash received and disbursed, showing name of person paying fee, purpose, amount, date collected, sales of properties, sheriff's deeds, parties' names, sale date, amount, amount paid court, trust funds, executions, total disbursement to county treasurer, payments to others, and receipts for same, nature of service, and individual fees from all

Fee and Cash Books (continued)

sources. 1 vol., 1933-36, indexed alph. by names of payee and payer; unnumbered vols., arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 259 pp. 27 x 18 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$. East Chicago, C.C., 1 vol., sheriff's off.; Crown Point, C.C., 5 vols., sheriff's vt.; Gary, C.C., 2 vols., sheriff's off.

241. REGISTER OF FEES, 1896--. 46 vols. (20, 2-6, 1-13, 1-27.)

Record of sheriff's fees, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, cause, case no., date, attorneys' names, subpoena order of court, amount of fee, purpose, date received, and total amount of fees received. 19 vols., 1911-- , arr. alph. by plaintiff and defendant name; 27 vols., 1896-- , arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 497 pp. 44 x 21 x 4. East Chicago, C.C., 6 vols., 1927-- , sheriff's rm.; Gary, C.C., 13 vols., 1911-- , sheriff's off.; Hammond, C.C., 27 vols., 1896-- , sheriff's off.

242. REGISTER OF FEES, 1895-1931. 8 vols. (2 vols., 2, 3-7, 1 vol. ^{not} numbered.)

Record of fees collected by the sheriff from serving summons, subpoenas, and witnesses, showing dates, cause, and amount of fees collected. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Crown Point, C.C., sheriff's vt.

For earlier records, see entry 228.

243. REGISTER OF FEES, 1920-32. 7 vols. (1-7).

Record of fees collected through criminal court, showing summons and subpoena dates, court attendance, transfer of prisoners, and service as witness. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Crown Point, C.C., sheriff's vt.

For earlier records, see entry 228.

Fees and Cash Books (continued)

244. REGISTER OF FEES (State Cases), 1916-21. 2 vols. (3, and 1 vols. not numbered.)

Record of sheriff fees, showing summons and subpena dates, mileage for witnesses, amount of fees, and dates of service. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Crown Point, C.C., sheriff's vt.

Maps

245. MAP OF INDIANA, not dated. 1 map.

Printed communications map of Indiana, showing state highway system. Published by Maywood Publishing Co. Printed. Scale, 1 in. to $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles. 20 x 34. Gary, C.C., sheriff's off.

246. MAP OF HAMMOND AND VICINITY, 1935. 1 map.

Printed political map of Hammond and vicinity, showing residential district, and business sec. Printed. No scale given. 27 x 12. Gary, C.C., sheriff's off.

The coroner is a constitutional officer, elected for two years, without restriction on reelection. He is required to post a five thousand dollar bond. The office was in existence before 1851 by virtue of the Constitution of 1816. (Ind. Const., 1816, art. 6, sec. 25; Acts 1816, ch. 13, sec. 1; Ind. Const., 1851, art. 6, sec. 2.)

The inception date of this office in Lake County is 1837. All records are located in the courthouse in Crown Point, unless otherwise stated.

The coroner is required to investigate deaths by violence, by accident, and of suspicious nature, and to determine the cause and manner of death. He holds inquests without a jury and may subpoena witnesses and employ a physician to make a post mortem examination, filing his report and verdict with the clerk of the circuit court. He is a peace officer with the same powers as the sheriff, and acts as sheriff in cases of absence, vacancy, interest, or incapacity, and serves warrants on the sheriff if necessary. (2 Ind. Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1871, 1879 spec. sess., 1933; Burns 1933 Stat., 49-2901 to 49-2914.)

247. INQUESTS, 1877--. 192 file boxes.

Coroner's inquests of violent deaths, showing cause of death, inquest date, jurors' and coroner's names, description of deceased, statements of witnesses and physician, and finding of jury. Arr. by case no. 12 x 10 x 4. Clerk's basement vt.

248. CORONER'S INQUESTS, 1922--. 18 file boxes.

Coroner's inquests, showing cause of death, witnesses' depositions, coroner's verdict, and location of accident or place of death. Arr. chron. 29 x 36 x 28 $\frac{1}{2}$. Gary, C.C., coroner's off.

249. INDEX TO CORONER'S INQUESTS, 1882--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Index to coroner's inquests, showing no. of inquests, name of deceased, index no., and date of inquest. Arr. alph. by name of deceased. Typed on printed form. 500 pp. 16 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. 1 vol., 1882--, clerk's off.; 1 vol., duplicate of vol. 1, basement vt.

The auditor is a constitutional officer, elected for a four-year term. No person can hold office for more than two consecutive terms. He is required to post bond in the amount of ten thousand dollars. (1 Ind. Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1889; Ind. Const., art. 6, sec. 2; Burns 1933 Stat., 49-3001 to 49-3303.)

The inception date of this office in Lake County is 1841. All records are located in Crown Point Courthouse, unless otherwise stated.

This office is the center of county administration. Financial affairs are transacted through it and here the records of county business are preserved.

The auditor's principal functions are four-fold: As a county "controller", he keeps the accounts of the county and issues warrants for all claims approved by the commissioners. Ex-officio he acts as clerk to the board of commissioners, the county council, and the board of tax adjustment, and as secretary to the board of finance and the board of review. As a tax officer, he prepares the official tax duplicates, serves as a member of the board of review as well as its secretary, and certifies to the treasurer the amount of taxes due from banks. As budget officer, he compiles estimates made to him by each county agency and submits them to the county council. (1 Ind. Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1899, 1907, 1919, 1920 spec. sess., 1933; Burns, ibid., 26-509, 26-520, 26-611, 61-606, 64-304, 64-1007, 64-1201, 64-1403.)

Minor routine duties are keeping a land transfer record book (Acts 1919, Burns, 1933 Stat., 64-1409); managing the common school fund, the

congressional township school fund (Acts 1907, Burns 1933 Stat., 28-102), and apportioning semi-annually the interest of these funds to the school corporations (Acts 1879, Burns 1933 Stat., 28-265); preparing the ditch duplicate covering assessments for construction or repair of ditches and drains (Acts 1933, Burns 1933 Stat., 27-134); issuing peddlers' licenses and public warehouse permits (1 Ind. Rev. Stat. 1852: Burns 1933 Stat. 42-204); acknowledging deeds and mortgages executed for the security of trust funds (1 Ind. Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 1933 Stat. 49-3011); approving bonds of township trustees (Acts 1915; Burns 1933 Stat. 65-103).

Audits and Reports

250. CERTIFICATE OF DISTRIBUTION, 1919--. 8 vols.

Certificates of distribution of current taxes, showing amount for twp., polls, state tax, vocational school fund, state school fund, educational school fund, gravel road repairs, library and tuition taxes, and totals. Arr. chron. 1919-35, hdw.; 1936--, typed. 350 pp. 13 x 19 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Crown Point, C.C., 2 vols., 1919-30, auditor's vt.; 5 vols., 1931-35, assessor's work rm.; 1 vol., 1936--, auditor's off.

251. DOG TAX DISBURSEMENTS, 1910--. 3 boxes.

Receipts of dog tax^d disbursed to twp. trustees for payments on stock destroyed by dogs, showing date, receipt no., to whom issued, amount, and description of destroyed stock. Arr. chron. Condition poor.

24 x 15 x 10. Crown Point, C.C., treasurer's basement vt.

252. LEDGER "D" (TOWNSHIP POOR RELIEF AND GRAVEL ROAD PETITIONS),

1897-99. 1 vol.

Report of twp. trustee to auditor of poor relief expenditures for month,

Audits and Reports (continued)

showing purpose, amount, and date; also viewers' report on road petitions, showing estimated cost, attorney's fees, and proof of publication of notices. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 100 pp. 9 x 7 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Crown Point, C.C., auditor's basement stg. rm.

253. SEMI ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOL TO AUDITOR, 1916--. 1 box.

Semi annual reports by superintendent of schools to auditor, showing school, location, date, enrollment, grades, and remarks. Arr. chron. 31 x 18 x 5. Crown Point, C.C., auditor's basement stg. rm.

Receipts and Disbursements

254. AUDITORS FEE AND CASH BOOK, 1895-1930. 15 vols.

Record of fees itemized, showing date, payor, transfer fee, ditch fee, highway fee, liquor license fee, school fund mortgage, gravel road fee, tax deed and certificate, assignment of tax sales, and total collected. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 325 pp. 16 x 11 x 2 $\frac{1}{4}$. Crown Point, C.C., auditor's basement vt.

For later records, see entry 256.

255. RECORD OF RECEIPTS, 1893-1930. 15 vols. (Numbering varies).
(1900-1911, missing).

Record of county revenue, showing receipt no., date, amount, payor, interest and principal on school funds, fees from county offices, and receipts from other tax sources. Arr. chron. Hdw. 75 pp. 17 x 26 x 1 3/4. Crown Point, C.C., 3 vols., 1893-1900, auditor's basement stg. rm.;

Receipts and Disbursements (continued)

12 vols., 1911-30, auditor's main off.

For later records, see entry 256.

256. RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS REGISTER, 1931--. 2 vols.

Record of all receipts and disbursements, showing sources of receipts, amounts, date of distribution, warrant no., date of issue, amount, purpose, to whom issued, appropriation no., and balance. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 600 pp. 14 x 18 x 4. Crown Point, C.C., auditor's basement stg. rm.

For earlier records, see entry 257.

257. APPROPRIATION AND DISBURSEMENT RECORD, 1901-~~1931~~. 28 vols.

1911, 1912, and 1929, missing.

Record of all county appropriations and disbursements, showing date, amount, of appropriations, amount of disbursements, to what account charged, and balance. Arr. alph. by name of county office and board. Hdw. on printed form. 200 pp. 18 x 15 x 2. Crown Point, C.C., auditor's basement stg. rm.

For earlier records, see entry 258; for later records, see entry 256.

258. LEDGER, 1837--. 10 vols. (Numbering varies). 1859-1903, missing.

Record of road taxes, election expenses, school expenses, liquor permits, and specific allowances, showing date, expense, collections, fees, journal, and page no. Arr. alph. by type of claim. Hdw. on printed form. 476 pp. 18 x 12 x 3. Crown Point, C.C., auditor's basement stg. rm.

Receipts and Disbursements (continued)

259. JOURNAL, 1844-65. 3 vols.

Record of auditor's account, showing allowances to cash for services of commissioners, supervisors of roads, jurors' salaries, and tavern licenses. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 480 pp. 12 x 9 x 4. Crown Point, C.C., auditor's basement stg. rm.

For earlier records, see entry 258; for later records, see entry 254.

260. SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION REPORTS, 1894--. 3 boxes, 28 bundles, and 7 files.

Original and duplicated receipts for county expenses, showing amount, date, recipient, and purpose. Arr. chron. 3 boxes, 24 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$; 7 files, 15 x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 6; 25 bundles, 14 x 10 x 2; 3 bundles, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 10 x 2. Treasurer's basement stg. rm.

261. QUIETUS, 1897-1929. 39 vols. (1901-1923, missing.)

Record of vouchers issued by auditor and paid by treasurer, showing name of recipient, amount, date, and purpose. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 14 x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 3/4. Crown Point, C. C., 1 vol., 1897-1900, auditor's vt.; 38 vols., 1913, 1924-29, auditor's basement stg. rm.

262. COUNTY ORDERS, 1841--. 103 vols. (1-7, and 96 vols. not numbered.)

Stubs of orders issued, showing warrant no., date, to whom paid, amount, purpose, and appropriation no. Arr. by warrant no. Hdw. on printed form. 250 pp. 18 x 7 x 1. Crown Point, C.C., 12 vols., 1841-1912, auditor's basement stg. rm.; 22 vols., 1913-19, sheriff's basement vt.; 51 vols., 1920-28, auditor's basement supply rm.; 18 vols., 1929-- , auditor's vt.

Receipts and Disbursements (continued)

263. COUNTY ORDERS REDEEMED, 1900--. 10 file boxes.

Redeemed county orders, showing date, amount, in whose favor, nature of claim, and to what fund charged. Arr. chron. 4 x 4 x 9. Crown Point, C.C., treasurer's basement vt.

For earlier records, see entry 258.

264. REGISTER OF WARRANTS, 1911--. 25 vols. (Numbering varies).

Record of warrants issued on the treasurer, showing warrant no., date, when ordered, to whom paid, accounts, from what fund, and date received. Arr. by warrant no. 1913-31, hdw.; 1931--, typed. 650 pp. 17 x 12 x 4. Crown Point, C.C., 7 vols., 1911-26, auditor's basement stg. rm.; 9 vols., 1926-30, sheriff's basement vt.; 9 vols., 1931--, auditor's main vt.

For earlier records, see entry 262.

265. CANCELED COUNTY WARRANTS, 1908--. 46 file boxes.

Canceled checks used for county expenses, showing check no., appropriation no., date, to whom paid, amount, and purpose of payment. Arr. by check no. 3 x 10 x 17. Crown Point, C.C., 14 boxes, 1908-16, auditor's basement supply rm.; 27 files, 1916--, auditor's basement stg. rm.; 5 boxes, 1922-26, treasurer's basement vt.

266. QUARTERLY SUPPLIES, POOR FARM AND TUBERCULAR HOSPITAL, 1913.

--. 1 file box.

Approved requisitions for supplies for poor farm and tuberculosis hospital, showing date, commodities required, amount, record of advertising for bids, and superintendent's approval. Arr. chron. 5 x 11 x 15. Crown Point, C.C., auditor's vt.

For earlier records, see entry 11.

Receipts and Disbursements (continued)

267. INDIANA POOR REPORTS, 1882--. 10 file boxes, 28 bundles.

Record of supplies for poor farms, and poor asylum, buildings and grounds, showing supplies, expenses, stock, and superintendent's report. Arr. alph. by subject. 3 boxes, 15 x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 6; 24 bundles, 18 x 12 x 2; 4 bundles, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 10 x 12; 7 file boxes, 24 x 9 x 6. Crown Point, C.C., treasurer's basement vt.

268. REPORT OF POOR RELIEF, 1931--. 14 boxes.

Report of twp. trustees of poor relief given, showing recipients, kind of relief, value, dates, and totals. Arr. chron. 24 x 12 x 12. Crown Point, C.C., auditor's basement supply rm.

269. BOOK RENTALS, 1934--. 4 file boxes.

Copies of vouchers paid by auditor for school book rentals for indigent families, showing where paid, names, addresses, amount, and dates. Arr. chron. 24 x 10 x 4. Crown Point, C.C., auditor's basement supply rm.

270. POOR RELIEF CLAIMS, 1899--. 55 bundles; 676 boxes; 42 files.

Record of poor relief claims paid, showing payee, order no., kind of merchandise, recipient, date, amount, and appropriation. Arr. by warrant no. 55 bundles, 4 x 7 x 11; 676 boxes, 4 x 8 x 24; 42 files, 5 x 11 x 15. Crown Point, C.C., 55 bundles, 1899-1931, treasurer's basement vt.; 676 boxes, 1932-34, auditor's supply rm.; 42 files, 1935--, auditor's off.

Taxes

Appraisements

271. TRANSFER BOOK, 1853--. 540 vols.

Record of transfers, and list of appraisements, of real estate, showing owner, description of property, location, acres, value of lands, and improvements, grantee's name and address, and dates. Arr. alph. by owner. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Crown Point, C.C., 95 vols., 1853-1903, auditor's basement vt.; 57 vols., 1899-1919, auditor's supply rm.; 375 vols., 1858--, auditor's vt.; Gary, C.C., 13 vols., 1933-37, assessor's off.

272. OWNERSHIP RECORDS, 1909--. 16 vols. (1-9, and 7 not numbered).

1918-19, 1922-23, 1925-34, missing.. Title variations;

Ownership Book; Record of Ownerships.

Record of owners of subdivisions in county, showing owner, lots, block, twp., and name of subdivision. Indexed alph. by name of owner. 1909-25, hdw.; 1935--, typed. 500 pp. 16 x 14 x $3\frac{1}{2}$. Crown Point, C.C., treasurer's basement vt.

For earlier records, see entry 196.

273. ENUMERATION OF WHITE AND COLORED MALES OVER AGE 21, 1919-30.

88 vols. Numbering varies..

Record of white and colored males over the age of 21 in county, showing name, date, twp., address, age, color, and total enumeration. Indexed alph. by name of male person. Hdw. on printed form. 225 pp. 14 x 9 x $1\frac{1}{2}$. Crown Point, C.C., 66 vols., 1919-24, auditor's basement stg. rm.; 22 vols., 1925-30, auditor's vt.

Taxes--Appraisements(continued)

274. (PROPERTY APPRAISEMENTS), 1933--. 35 vols.

Record of appraised property and its mortgages, showing date of filing mortgage, subdivision, exact descriptions, transfer date, mortgagor, mortgagee, release, assessments, purchase price, and date.

Arr. by subdivision nos. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 10 x 6 x $2\frac{1}{2}$.

Gary, C.C., assessor's south off.

275. RECORD OF STATISTICAL STATEMENTS, 1909-23. 130 vols. Title variation: Statistical Records.

Record of statistical statements of acreage and farm products, showing owner or renter, total acres, acreage, waste land redeemable or unredeemable, acres woodland, acres cleared land, and entire crop produced. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 50 pp. 17 x 11 x $\frac{1}{2}$.

Crown Point, C.C., 129 vols., 1909-23, auditor's basement stg. rm.; 1 vol., not dated, auditor's off.

276-277. ABSTRACT OF SALE OF SWAMP LANDS, 1853-82. 3 vols.

Title varies.

Abstracts of sales of swamp lands in county, showing purchase date, certificate no., purchaser, description, sec., twp., range, acreage, and price per acre. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. Condition poor. 225 pp. 18 x 11 x $1\frac{1}{2}$. Crown Point, C.C., 1 vol., 1853-82, treasurer's basement vt.; 1 vol., 1853-57, auditor's vt.; 1 vol., 1858-74, auditor's basement stg. rm.

For later records, see entry 271.

Taxes--Appraisements (continued)

278. REGISTER OF CERTIFICATES OF SWAMP LANDS, 1848-70. 2 vols.

Record of patent grants of swamp lands, showing date and no. of patent, to whom patented, description of land, acreage, rate per acre, and amount of purchase. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 200 pp. 18 x 12 x 1 3/8. Crown Point, C.C., auditor's basement stg. rm.

279. LIST OF LAND SOLD IN LAKE COUNTY, 1834-41. 1 vol.

Record of government land grants in county, showing description, acreage, location, date of sales, and purchaser. Arr. alph. by ward and twp. Hdw. on printed form. 100 pp. 18 x 10 x 3/4. Crown Point, C.C., auditor's vt.

For later records, see entry 304.

280. INTANGIBLE TAX VALUATION RECORDS, 1933--. 49 vols. Lettering varies.

Tax valuation of intangible property, showing owner, description, valuation, date assessed, and amount of assessment. Arr. alph. by name of owner. Printed. 140 pp. 14 x 9 x 1. Crown Point, C.C., assessor's south rm.

281. RECORD OF MILEAGE OF VARIOUS RAILROADS, not dated. 1 vol.

Record of railroad mileage in county, showing name of railroad, miles of main road, miles of second main, and side tracks. Arr. alph. by name of railroad. Hdw. 150 pp. 12 x 7 x 1/2. Crown Point, C.C., auditor's vt.

282. RAILROAD SCHEDULES, 1900--. 20 file boxes.

Record of taxable property of public utilities and public carriers, showing kind of property, assessed value, date, owner, and assessments. Arr. chron. 4 x 4 x 9. Crown Point, C.C., treasurer's basement vt.

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283. RAILROAD DUPLICATES, 1908--. 8 vols. Title variation',

Railroads and Public Assessments.

Record of railroad property for tax purposes, showing name of railroad, description and location of lands, value of each parcel of land and improvements, and total. Arr. alph. by name of railroad. Hdw. on printed form. 250 pp. 18 x 16 x 2. Crown Point, C.C., auditor's vt.

For earlier records, see entry 343.

284. DOMESTIC CORPORATION REPORTS, 1927--. 3 file boxes.

Reports of corporations in county, showing location, capital stock, no. and kind of shares, per cent indebtedness, type of business, personal property, real estate, and amount of franchise. Arr. chron. 10 x 14 x 24. Crown Point, C.C., treasurer's basement vt.

285. ABSTRACT ASSOCIATION OF PROPERTY, 1897-1904. 4 bundles.

Inventory of property valuations for taxation, showing location, assessed value of land and improvements, total value, telephone and telegraph properties, and kind of taxes. Arr. chron. 10 x 5 x 24. Crown Point, C.C., treasurer's basement vt.

286. ABSTRACT OF TITLE, 1838--. 1 file box.

Original abstracts to property purchased by or deeded to county, showing description, location, sale price, proposed building construction, and specifications. Arr. chron. 5 x 11 x 5. Crown Point, C.C., auditor's vt.

287. AFFIDAVITS AND QUIET TITLE SUITS, 1926--. 2 file boxes.

Affidavits and quiet title records used to prove ownership of property

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in litigation, showing party, cause of affidavit, location and description of property, and quiet title recording in transfer books.

Arr. chron. 5 x 11 x 14. Crown Point, C.C., auditor's vt.

Returns

288. MORTGAGE AFFIDAVITS AND EXEMPTIONS, 1907--, 602 vols.

(Numbering varies.)

Record of certified property indebtedness, showing amount of mortgages, exemption allowed, parties, and description of property. Arr. alph.

by name of owner. Hdw. on printed form. 350 pp. 15 x 9 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Crown Point, C.C., 3 vols., 1907-19, auditor's vt.; 427 vols., 1920-34, auditor's basement stg. rm.; 56 vols., 1930, sheriff's basement vt.; 116 vols., 1935--, auditor's vt.

289. MORTGAGE EXEMPTIONS, 1921--. 475 vols.

Record of mortgage exemptions, showing owner, description of property, amount of mortgages, mortgagee, and book and page. Arr. alph. by name of owner. Hdw. on printed form. 25 pp. 14 x 9 x 1. Crown Point, C.C., 140 vols., 1921-29, auditor's basement stg. rm.; 56 vols., 1930, sheriff's basement vt.; 61 vols., 1931, assessor's rm.; 161 vols., 1932-34, auditor's supply rm.; 57 vols., 1935--, auditor's vt.

290. CERTIFICATE OF FIREMAN'S REBATE, 1889-1921. 3 vols.

(1902-11, missing.)

Certificates of tax refund to volunteer city fireman, showing date, fireman, address, description of taxes rebated, and amount. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 16 x 10 x 3/4. Crown Point, C.C.,

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1 vol., 1889-1902, sheriff's basement vt.; 2 vols., 1911-21, auditor's vt.

For later records, see entry 343.

291. ROAD TAX LIST; MORTGAGE DEDUCTIONS, 1899-1906. 9 vols.

Record of property owners who have paid road tax by laboring on roads, showing owner, description of property, acres, value of lands and improvements, total value of taxables, and deductions. Arr. alph. by owner. Hdw. 300 pp. 14 x 8 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Crown Point, C.C., sheriff's basement vt.

For earlier records, see entry 258; for later records, see entry 292.

Lists

292. REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENTS, 1837--. 1327 vols. 1870-79, missing.

Record of property valuation for assessment, showing owner, value of lands, and improvements, description, location by twp., range, and sec., and acreage. Arr. alph. by name of owner. Hdw. 150 pp. 14 x 9 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Crown Point, C.C., 612 vols., 1837--, auditor's basement rm. 115; 4 vols., 1857-69, auditor's off.; 711 vols., 1880-1931, sheriff's vt.

293. PERSONAL SCHEDULES, 1931--. 3665 vols.

Record of assessments of personal property, showing name of owner, date, age, poll, occupation, residence, personal property, value, value by assessor, and amount assessed. Arr. alph. by owner. Hdw.

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300 pp. 13 x 9 x 2. Crown Point, C.C., 2046 vols., 1931-34, auditor's basement rm. 115; 937 vols., 1934-35, auditor's supply rm.; 682 vols., 1936--, assessor's off.

294. PERSONAL PROPERTY SCHEDULES, 1918--. 7143 vols.

Personal property assessment list, showing owner, address, itemized list of chattels, and valuation. Arr. alph. by town and twp. Hdw. 500 pp. 14 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 2. Crown Point, C.C., 3380 vols., 1918-28, shoriff's vt.; 960 vols., 1929-31, assessor's off.; 1866 vols., 1930-34, auditor's basemont rm. 115; 285 vols., 1935, auditor's supply rm.; 652 vols., 1936, outer vt., auditor's off.

295. ASSESSOR'S BOOK, 1933--. 165 vols. Numbering varies.

List and valuation of property, showing owner, cash value of personal property, and corporation stock, description and location of land, cash value, value of improvements, and location. Arr. alph. by name of owner. Hdw. 250 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Gary, C.C., assessor's off.

Delinquent and Erroneous

296. RECORD OF DELINQUENT TAXES, 1842--. 35 vols.

Record of tax delinquencies and collector's report, showing tax number, owner, doscription and location of land, amount of tax, amount delinquent, and total tax due. Arr. chron. by name of twp. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$. Crown Point, C.C., 17 vols., 1842-1920, auditor's basement rm. 115; 9 vols., 1921-26, inner rm., treasurer's basement vt.; 9 vols., 1927--, innor vt., auditor's off.

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297. RECORD OF DELINQUENT LANDS AND LOTS, 1856--. 13 vols.

(1877-87, missing.)

Record of lands delinquent for non-payment of taxes, showing owner, description, location, and amount of taxes. Arr. alph. by owner, Hdw. 250 pp. 17 x 17 x 2 3/4. Crown Point, C.C., inner vt., auditor's off.

298. RECORD OF TAX SALES, 1844--. 12 vols. 1924-27, missing.

Record of property sold by county for delinquent taxes, showing date, owner, description of property, amount of tax, penalty and interest, and when redeemed. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2 1/2. Crown Point, C.C., inner vt., auditor's off.

299. TAX SALE CERTIFICATES, 1845--. 28 boxes, 10 bundles.

Certificates of property sold for delinquent taxes, showing amount of taxes, penalty, interest, costs, date, location of property, and owner. No index. 8 boxes, 12 x 24 x 10; 20 boxes, 10 x 4 x 24; 10 bundles, 7 x 10 x 9. Crown Point, C.C., outer rm., treasurer's basement vt.

300. APPLICATION TO REDEEM, 1842--. 6 vols.

Record of lands sold for taxes and redeemed by owner, showing description and location of land, owner, amount, interest, penalty, and date. Arr. chron. Hdw. 500 pp. 17 x 11 x 1. Crown Point, C.C., sheriff's vt.

301-302. CERTIFICATE OF ERRONEOUS TAX, 1841--. 63 vols.; 2 bundles.

Record of certificates of rebates of taxes charged erroneously, showing dates, party receiving rebate, and amount. Arr. by certificate no.

Taxes--Delinquent and Erroneous (continued)

Hdw. Vols., 200 pp. 8 x 9 x 1, bundles, 11 x 8 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Crown Point, C.C., 2 bundles, 61 vols., 1841-1931, auditor's basement rm. 115; 2 vols., 1932--, inner rm., treasurer's basement vt.

303. AFFIDAVITS OF CORRECTION, 1921-31. 1 box.

Affidavits made for correction of assessment ratings, showing owner, corrections, affidavits of errors, notary seal and signature, and date. Arr. chron. 10 x 5 x 24. Crown Point, C.C., outer rm., treasurer's vt.

Plat Books

304. PLAT BOOKS, 1867--. 124 vols.

Plats used to determine ownership of land for taxation purposes, showing description of land in each sec., owner, valuation, and plat no. Arr. by taxing unit, thereunder alph. by owner's name. Hdw. 60 pp. 18 x 16 x 2. Crown Point, C.C., 98 vols., 1867--, inner vt., auditor's off.; 10 vols., 1891-95, sheriff's vt.; Gary, C.C., 16 vols., assessor's off.

305. INDEX TO PLATS; 1840--. 2 vols. ^{Title YEARS:} Subtitle: Index to Subdivisions.

An index of plats, showing name of subdivision, owner, book, and page number. Arr. alph. by subdivision. Hdw. 275 pp. 15 x 12 x 3. Crown Point, C.C., outer vt., auditor's off.

306. PLATS, 1921-32. 1 file box.

Record of plats of various properties in county available for industrial sites, showing location, size, and name of owner. No index. 4 x 10 x 14. Crown Point, C.C., auditor's vt.

Taxes--Plat Books (continued)

307. SWAMPLAND PLATS, 1853--. 2 vols.

Plats of swamp lands in county, showing plat, twp., and location. Arr. by twp. Hdw. 50 pp. 10 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 1/8. Crown Point, C.C., inner vt., auditor's off.

308. SUBDIVISIONS, 1837--. 2 vols. (1, and 1 vol, not numbered.)

Record of subdivisions of county, showing page no. in plat book, names, description, location, by whom platted, and date. Arr. by subdivision. Hdw. 500 pp. 14 x 9 x 1 3/4. Crown Point, C.C., 1837-1901, auditor's basement rm. 115; 1 vol., 1902--; inner vt., auditor's off.

309. GARY RESOLUTIONS AND PLATS, 1911--. 1 file box.

Record of alleys and streets petitioned by taxpayers, to be opened in city, showing resolution nos., street and alley, location, date of opening, description of construction, and attached plat. Arr. numerically. 5 x 11 x 15. Crown Point, C.C., auditor's off.

310. TRACT BOOK, 1832-73. 6 vols. (1-2, and 5 vols. not numbered.)

Record of land acquired from government through patents, showing description, purchaser, amount, date of entry, and to whom patented. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 15 x 10 x 1 3/4. Crown Point, C.C., 1 vol., 1832-59, outer vt., auditor's off.; 5 vols., 1859-73, inner vt., auditor's off.

School Funds

311. REGISTER-CONDITION AND DISTRIBUTION SCHOOL FUND, 1913--. 2 vols. (1-2).

Record of distribution and condition of school funds, showing date,

School Funds (continued)

amount, distribution, and balances. Arr. alph. by name of school.

Hdw. 200 pp. 17 x 16 x 2. Crown Point, C.C., outer vt., auditor's off.

312. REGISTER OF SCHOOL FUND LOANS, 1843--. 9 vols. Numbering varies. Title variation: Register of Trust Fund Receipts. Record of loans from school funds, showing loan no., amount, borrower, address, fund, date, surety, and interest. Indexed alph. by name of borrower. Hdw. 300 pp. 16 x 10 x $2\frac{1}{2}$. Crown Point, C.C., 2 vols., 1843-86, auditor's basement rm. 115; 7 vols., 1887--, auditor's off.

313. JOURNAL OF CONGRESSIONAL SCHOOL FUNDS, 1851-1931. 3 vols. Journal of school funds loaned to individuals, showing date, borrower, amount, interest, and description of property. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 16 x 6 x 2. Crown Point, C.C., 2 vols., 1851-89, auditor's basement rm. 115; 2 vols., 1890-1931, inner vt., auditor's off.

314. REGISTER OF SOLD AND UNSOLD SCHOOL LANDS, 1840-59. 2 vols. Record of school lands sold and used by county, showing location, date, parties, acreage, cost, and certificate nos. Arr. by sec., range, and twp. Hdw. 50 pp. 12 x 8 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Crown Point, C.C., auditor's basement rm. 115.

315. QUIETUS SCHOOL FUND INTEREST, 1887-1900. 3 vols. Receipt stubs on school fund interest paid in advance, showing receipt nos., payee, date, and amount. Arr. by receipt no. Hdw. 500 pp. 17 x 10 x $1\frac{1}{2}$. Crown Point, C.C., sheriff's vt.

Official and Surety Bonds
(See also entries 26-31)

316. RECORD OF BONDS, 1844-1922. 6 vols. (1, and 5 vols. not numbered.)

Record of bonds of elected officials, and other county agents requiring bonds, showing official, office, sureties, amount of bond, and date. Indexed alph. by name of official. Hdw. 600 pp. 9 x 14 x 3. Crown Point, C.C., 1 vol., 1844-53, auditor's basement rm. 115; 5 vols., 1846-1922, inner vt., auditor's off.

For later records, see entry 317.

317. MISCELLANEOUS BOND RECORD, 1910--. 3 vols. (1-3).

Record of bonds furnished by contractor, elected officials, and appointees, showing person bonded, surety, amount, and condition of bond, and duties of person bonded. Indexed alph. by name of official. Typed. 600 pp. 9 x 14 x 3. Crown Point, C.C., inner vt., auditor's off.

For earlier official bonds, see entry 316.

318. INSPECTORS BOND RECORD, 1912-32. 2 vols. (1-2):

Record of bonds furnished by inspectors of county construction and road work, showing principal, surety, date, amount, and condition of bond. Indexed alph. by name of principal. Hdw. 300 pp. 9 x 12 x 1½. Crown Point, C.C., inner vt., auditor's off.

For earlier records, see entry 316; for later records, see entry 317.

319. RETAILER'S BOND RECORD, (Liquor Licenses), 1873-1918. 7 vols. (1-5, 2 vols. not numbered).

Official and Surety Bonds (continued)

Record of bonds and liquor licenses, showing applicant, date, amount of license, place of business, amount, surety, and condition of bond.

Indexed alph. by name of applicant. Hdw. 500 pp. 16 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$.

Crown Point, C.C., auditor's basement rm. 115.

For earlier records, see entry 258; for later records, see entry 46.

The office of county assessor was created by an act of 1891. (Acts 1891, ch. 99, sec. 112.) This officer is elected for a four-year term, there being no prohibition against successive terms. Qualifications are established by law: he must be a continuous freeholder of Lake County for not less than four years prior to the date of his election, and he must post a five thousand dollar bond, with two or more good freeholder sureties approved by the auditor, who also administers the oath of office. His work is under the direction of the state board of tax commissioners, and he may be removed by that board, after a hearing, for incompetency, neglect of duty, or misconduct in office. (Acts 1919; Burns 1933 Stat., 64-1101.)

The inception date of this office in Lake County is 1891. All records of this office are located in the courthouse in Gary, unless otherwise stated.

The duties of the assessor are to instruct and advise the township assessors, to review their returns, to assess omitted real and personal property, to appraise estates for inheritance taxes, to carry out the orders of the state board of tax commissioners, and to report to the board any delinquencies of township assessors. He is ex-officio member and president of the Lake County board of review. He also sets the value upon the intangibles for taxation, and examines public records to find if this tax is paid. (Acts 1919; Burns 1933 Stat., 64-1101, 64-1102.)

320. ASSESSOR'S BOOKS, 1848--. 1407 vols.

Assessor's permanent record of assessable real estate, showing owner's name, description, when acquired, valuation, character of improvements made annually, and type of property. Indexed alph. by name of property owner. Hdw. on printed form. 325 pp. 20 x 14 x 7. Crown Point, C.C., 711 vols., 1848-1928, sheriff's vt.; 548 vols., 1902-36, auditor's basement vt. no. 115; 139 vols., 1921-24, 1929-33, auditor's vt.; 7 vols., 1892-1923, auditor's off. vts; 2 vols., 1901, 1903, treasurer's basement vt.

321. PERSONAL ASSESSMENT RECORDS, 1932--. 1 vol.

Record of assessments on personal property of industries, chain stores, and other corporations, showing name of organization, itemized description of property, date of assessment, value of property, and amount of assessment. Indexed alph. by name of owner. Typed on printed form. 400 pp. 13 x 14 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Crown Point, C.C., assessor's off.

322. STREET RECORD, 1933--. 17 vols. (A-XYZ).

Record of list of property owners by streets, showing name, street no., no. of rooms, amount of tax, household, auto, radio, fixtures, and dog. Arr. alph. by name of street. Typed on printed form. 300 pp. 12 x 8 x 3. Assessor's off.

323. RECORD OF AUTOMOBILE LICENSES, 1931--. 32 files (A-XYZ).

Record of auto licenses for taxation purposes, showing engine no., year built, make, style, capacity, kind of vehicle, plate number, owner, address, and date of purchase. Arr. alph. by name of owner. 4 x 6 x 12. Assessor's off.

324. RECORD OF TRUCK OWNERS, 1930--. 5 file boxes.

Record of truck owners, showing name, address, make of car, value of car,

date purchased, and assessed value. Arr. alph. by name of owner.

12 x 8 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Assessor's off.

325. MORTGAGE RECORDS, 1925--. 34 vols. (8 vols., 1-8, and 26 vols., A-Z). Title varies.

Record of mortgaged property, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, legal description of property, and amount of mortgage kept for assessment purposes. Arr. alph. by names of mortgagee and mortgagor. Typed on printed form. 400 pp. $10 \times 6 \times 2 \frac{3}{4}$. Assessor's off., filing cabinet,

Maps and Plats

326. PLAT BOOKS, 1932. 13 vols.

Political maps and drawings of Gary, Miller, Tallestown, Calumet, and Griffith, Ind., showing streets, lots, alleys, additions, and subdivisions. Drawn by county surveyor. Black and white. Scale, 1" to 1 mi. 18 x 14 x 3. Assessor's off.

327. MAPS, 1917--. 8 maps.

Political maps of Gary and vicinity, showing acreage, streets, subdivisions, and lots. Drawn by city engineer. Published at Gary, Ind. Scale varies. 60 x 60. Assessor's off.

328. GARY IND. SANBORN MAP (FIRE MAP), not dated. 1 map.

Political map of city of Gary, showing street no. and name. Published in New York City by Sanborn Map Co. Colored. No scale given. 24 x 24 x 2. Assessor's off.

Maps and Plats(continued)

329. GARY INDIANA, 1929-35. 98 maps.

Political map of city of Gary showing different sections of city by lot and section no. Published in New York City. by Sanborn Map Co. Colored. No scale given. 24 x 24 x 2. Assessor's off.

330. (GARY), 1907. 1 map.

Political map of Gary, showing Grand Calumet River on north, Wabash Railroad on south, Grant St. on west, and Mississippi St. on east. Published in Gary by surveyor. Colored. No scale given. 54 x 36. Assessor's off.

331. (GARY), 1907. 1 map.

Political map of Gary, showing north, Lake Michigan; south, 9th. Ave.; east, Lake County line; west, Turney Ave. and Griffith St. Published in Gary by surveyor. Blueprint. No scale given. 60 x 54. Assessor's off.

332. (GARY), 1907. 1 map.

Political map of Gary, showing north, Lake Michigan; south, 9th. Ave.; east, Randolph St.; west, Clay St. Published in Gary by surveyor. Colored. No scale given. 60 x 54. Assessor's off.

333. (GARY), 1907. 1 map.

Political map of Gary, showing north, Lake Michigan; south, Wabash Railroad; east, Actna; west, Inland Steel Co. Published in Gary by surveyor. Colored. No scale given. 60 x 54. Assessor's off.

Maps and Plats(continued)

334. (GARY), 1907. 1 map.

Political map of Gary, showing north, Lake Michigan; south, 21st. Ave.; west, Cline St.; east, Clark Road. Published in Gary by surveyor. Colored. No scale given. 60 x 72. Assessor's off.

335. (GARY), 1907. 1 map.

Political map of Gary, showing north, Gary and Western Railway; south, Little Calumet; east, Grand St.; west, Clark St. Published in Gary by surveyor. Colored. No scale given. 60 x 72. Assessor's off.

336. (GARY), 1917-23. 1 map.

Political map of Gary, showing 45th., north; 53rd., south; Tennessee, east; Grant, west. Published in Gary by surveyor. Colored. No scale given. 54 x 36. Assessor's off.

337. (GARY), 1907. 1 map.

Political map of Gary, showing north, 29th. Ave., south, 45th. Ave.; east, Mississippi; west, Grant. Published in Gary by surveyor. Colored. No scale given. 60 x 54. Assessor's off.

338. (GARY), 1907. 1 map.

Political map of Gary, showing Grand Calumet, north; Ft. Wayne and Chicago, south; Grant St., west; and Ft. Wayne and Chicago, east. Published in Gary by surveyor. Printed. No scale given. 54 x 36. Assessor's off.

339. (GARY), 1907. 1 map.

Political map of Gary, showing Wabash Railroad, north; 29th. Ave., south; Louisiana, east; Grant, west. Published in Gary by surveyor. Colored. No scale given. 60 x 54. Assessor's off.

Lake County has a board for the annual review of assessments and the equalization of valuation of real and personal property. The board is composed of the assessor, treasurer, and auditor, ex-officio, and two freeholders of opposite political parties, appointed annually by the judge of the circuit court. The assessor is president and the auditor is secretary of the board. (Acts 1919; Burns 1933 Stat., 64-1201, 64-1205.)

The inception date of this board in Lake County is 1891.

The records of this office are located in the courthouse in Crown Point.

From 1881 to 1891 the duties of reviewing and equalizing tax assessments were performed by a county board of equalization consisting of the county commissioners and four freeholders appointed by the circuit judge. (Acts 1881, ch. 96, sec. 129.) The law of 1891 superseded this act, and created the board of review, composed of the treasurer, assessor, and auditor. (Acts 1891, ch. 99, sec. 114.) The act of 1919 reestablished the board, adding the two freeholder appointments to its membership. (Acts 1919; Burns, *ibid.*)

It is the duty of the board to make changes in the valuation of the property in the township or any taxing unit within the township, and to determine the amount to be added or deducted in order to make an equitable equalization of taxes throughout the county. It also may re-determine the valuation of any particular tract of lot upon complaint of the owner. If the board shall find the aggregate assessment too high, too low, or unequal, it may set aside the assessment of the whole county, or of any township or taxing unit therein, and order a new assessment. (*Ibid.*)

The board also makes a general review of assessment lists to discover omitted property and to correct errors in the lists. It assesses the capital stock of corporations in the county, except those assessed by the state board of tax commissioners, such as railroad, telephone, and telegraph companies. (Ibid.)

340. RECORD-BOARD OF REVIEW, 1891--. 8 vols. (1-4, and 4 vols. not numbered).

Record of board of review, showing proceedings of board, review of assessment lists, actions taken, names of members of board, and date organized. Arr. chron. Typed on printed form. 396 pp. 14 x 10 x 2. 3 vols., 1891-98, 2 vols., 1928--, auditor's vt.; 2 vols., 1911-28, assessor's off.; 1 vol., 1899-1910, auditor's vt.

The board of tax adjustment of Lake County consists of one member of the county council selected by the council, and six members appointed by the judge of the circuit court. The appointees must have the following qualifications; one shall be a township trustee; one shall be a mayor or president of the board of trustees of an incorporated town; one shall be a member of the city board of education; and three shall be resident freeholders of the county at large, not holding any public office. No more than four of the members of the board shall belong to the same political party. (Acts 1933; Sec. 64-304, Burns, Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.).

The inception date of this board in Lake County is 1933.

It is the duty of the board to examine, and if it deems necessary, revise, change, or reduce, but not increase, any tax levy and any corresponding items of the budget on which the tax levies are based, and apportion the total of all of the levies so that the total levy on property within any municipal corporation for which the property therein is taxable, shall not exceed the total rate as provided by law. (Ibid.)

No records could be found.

The board of Lake County commissioners constitutes the board of finance. The auditor serves as secretary. It may sue and be sued in its own name whenever necessary to accomplish the purposes intended by its creation. (Acts 1907; Burns 1933 Stat., 61-606.)

The inception date of this board in Lake County is 1907. All the records of this board are located in the courthouse in Crown Point.

The board of finance has charge of and controls the funds of Lake County. Its functions are to select the banks to serve as depositories for county funds and to apportion the funds among such depositories. It receives monthly statements of county funds on deposit from the banks, and may, as it sees fit, revoke the commission of any depository. In lieu of depositing county funds in banks, the board may purchase United States Government bonds or other interest bearing obligations of the United States Government or its instrumentalities. (Acts 1907, 1909, 1931; Burns 1933 Stat., 61-606, 61-607, 61-110 to 61-113.)

The general assembly of 1935 repealed the act establishing this board, and in the same session, in the "Depository Act of 1935", re-established the board of finance practically unaltered. (Acts 1935; Burns 1933 Stat., 1936 suppl., 61-606, 61-28, 61-131 to 61-639.)

341. RECORD (OF) COUNTY BOARD OF FINANCE, 1907--. 2 vols. (1-2). Records of minutes of board meetings, showing transactions, purchase of bonds, contracts, and bank balances. Arr. alph. by name of subject. Typed on printed form. 600 pp. 14 x 18 x 3. Auditor's off.

342. RECORD OF PERSONAL AND SURETY BONDS, 1907 --. 5 vol. (1-5).

Record of personal bonds of depository, for public funds furnished by freeholders, showing names of freeholders, name of depository, amount of bond, and notary's statement. Indexed alph. by name of depository. Hdw. on printed form. 600 pp. 9 x 14 x 3. Auditor's vt..

For earlier records, see entry 316.

The treasurer is a constitutional officer elected for a term of two years and is not eligible to serve more than four years in any period of six years. He is nominated in the primary and elected in the regular election. He is required to execute his official bond of not less than the amount of money which may come into his hands at any time during the term. (Ind. Const., art. 6, sec. 1, Burns 1933 Stat., 49-3101).

The inception date of this ^{office} in Lake County is 1837.

All records of this office are located in the courthouse in Crown Point, unless otherwise stated.

The treasurer receives all money coming to Lake County and disburses the same on the proper orders. He keeps fee books and cash books and makes quarterly reports to the auditor. At the expiration of his term of office he gives a sworn statement to the auditor showing specifically the amount of fees collected, and deposits with the auditor all orders redeemed. He makes a monthly statement to the treasurer of state, collects property and poll taxes and state license fees, and diverts to the state the proceeds from the sale of estates when the heirs are unknown. (Ind. Const., art. 6, sec. 1; 1 Ind. Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1853; Burns 1933 Stat., 49-3103 to 49-3317.)

Tax Collections

343. TAX DUPLICATES AND DELINQUENT LISTS, 1847-~~v.~~ 614 vols.

(Numbering varies.) (1857-60, 1878-79. 1881-84, missing).

Title varies.

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Record of current and delinquent property taxes, showing date, name, address, duplicate no., description, value, improvements, amount, exemptions, delinquent, and total taxes. 595 vols., 1847-- , arr. by duplicate no.; 13 vols., 1897, arr. chron.; 6 vols., 1933-35, indexed alph. by names of taxpayer. Hdw. on printed form. 625 pp. 23 x 15 x 3. 407 vols., 1855-1935, treasurer's basement vt.; 187 vols., 1847-1912, auditor's basement stg. rm.; 1 vol., 1934, treasurer's off. vt.; 13 vols., 1935-- , treasurer's off. desk.; East Chicago C.C.; 6 vols., 1933-35, treasurer's vt.

344. TAX RECEIPTS, 1849-1927. 609 vols. (Numbering varies).

1855-56, 1858-67, 1869-78, 1894-95, 1898, 1905-~~06~~, 1908-~~09~~,

~~10-11~~, missing. Variations; REGISTER OF TAXES RECEIVED,

CASH BOOK, TAXES OF 1902.

Record of tax receipts, showing date, name, address, receipt no., date paid, description of property, twp., period of payment, and amount. Arr. by tax receipt no. Hdw. on printed form. 435 pp. 18 x 15 x 2 3/4. Treasurer's basement vt.

345. DUPLICATE TAX RECEIPTS, 1935. 3 vols.

Record of duplicate tax receipts, showing date, name, address, receipt no., date and amount of payment, location and description of property, and installments. Arr. chron. 17 x 12 x 28. Treasurer's basement vt.

346. DUPLICATE TAX RECEIPTS; FALL BALANCE , 1933-- . 8 file boxes.

Duplicate tax receipts, showing date, name, residence, receipt no., location and description of property, date and amount of payment, and

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installment dato. Arr. by duplicate no. Boxes, 5 x 9 x 24; drawers, $3\frac{1}{2}$ x 35 x $8\frac{1}{2}$. East Chicago, C.C.; 2 file boxes, May-Nov., 1933, treasurer's vt.; 6 drawers, May-Nov., 1936, treasurer's off.

347. MORATORIUM TAX DUPLICATE, 1934--. 1 vol.

Record of moratorium tax duplicates, showing date, name of property owner, description and location, and amount of delinquent tax. Indexed alph. by name of payer. Hdw. on printed form. 320 pp. 18 x 15 x 2. East Chicago, C.C., treasurer's off.

348. DELINQUENT LANDS AND LOTS, 1888-1927. 8 vols.

Record of returns for delinquent taxes, showing date, name of owners, address, location and description, amount delinquent, tax penalty, interest, and total amount. Arr. by duplicate no. Hdw. on printed form. 500 pp. 12 x 18 x 3. Treasurer's basement vt.

349. REGISTER OF DELINQUENT TAXES, 1854--. 24 vols.

Record of delinquent taxes, showing date returned, receipt no., name, address, location and description, twp., section, range, acres, lots, amount of delinquent tax, penalty, interest, and total amount. Indexed alph. by name of owner. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 14 x 18 x $1\frac{1}{2}$. 9 vols., 1854-1912, auditor's stg. rm.; 8 vols., 1898-1928, treasurer's basement vt.; 7 vols., 1928-- , treasurer's off.

350. DELINQUENT TAX RECEIPT, 1900-¹⁹34. 146 file boxes.

Duplicates of delinquent tax receipts, showing date returned, duplicate no., name of owner, location, description of property, amount of unpaid tax, interest, and penalty. Arr. chron. 13 x 9 x 24. Treasurer's

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basement vt.,

For later records, see entry 347.

351. INSOLVENT RECORD, 1887-1916. 4 vols. (1-4).

Record of insolvent taxes, showing date, name, address, location and description of property, years taxes delinquent, amount, and reason not collected. Indexed alph. by name of taxpayer. Hdw. on printed form. 400 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Treasurer's basement vt.

352. INHERITANCE TAX RECEIPTS, 1914--. 5 vols.

Inheritance tax receipt stubs, showing date, cause no., name of deceased, ~~and address~~ names of heirs, addresses, attorney, date of death, amount of tax, ~~dis~~ discount, and total. Arr. by cause no. Hdw. on printed form. 600 stubs. 9 x 2 x 3. Treasurer's vt.

For other records, see entry 177.

353. MONTHLY TAX REPORTS, 1934--. 5 vols.

Record of monthly excise and tangible tax as paid by banks and building and loan associations, showing date, name, address, amount, and by whom paid. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 12 x 16 x 2 3/4. Treasurer's vt.

354. TAX SALE RECEIPT, 1844--. 12 vols. ¹¹(1-2, 4, and 9 vols. not numbered).

Record of property sold for taxes, showing date of sale, name of bidder, amount bid, cost of advertising, description of property, and total amount received. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 250 pp. ¹¹8 x 9 x 12. Treasurer's basement vt.

Public Improvement Records

355. FREE GRAVEL ROAD DUPLICATES, 1897. 1 vol.

Record of assessments for construction of gravel roads, showing date, name of property owners, address, location, description, value, improvements, assessments, amount delinquent, and installments paid. Arr.

alph. by name of owner. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 25 x 3 $\frac{1}{4}$.

Treasurer's basement vt.

For earlier and later records, see entry 343.

356. DITCH TAX RECEIPTS, 1904-27. 24 vols.

Record of tax assessments for construction and repair of ditches,

showing date of assessment, name of owner, address, description,

value, amount assessed, amount of tax, date paid, and date of pay-

ment. Arr. by receipt no. Hdw. on printed form. 400 pp. 16 x 12 x 1.

23 vols., 1907-27, treasurer's basement vt.; 1 vol., 1904-~~07~~, auditor's basement vt.

357. DITCH SETTLEMENT REPORTS, 1907-31. 6 file boxes.

Reports of settlement on ditch construction, showing date, name of various ditches, location, costs, treasurer's statements, re-imburse-

ments, and rejected bids. Arr. chron. 14 x 9 x 24. Treasurer's

basement vt,

Receipts and Disbursements

358. BALANCE OF DEPOSITORY ACCOUNTS, MONTHLY AND DAILY BALANCE

RECORD, 1908--. 16 vols. 1916-23, missing.

Record of daily and monthly cash on hand, in the various depositories,, showing date, cash on hand, warrants for payment, name of depositories, date of deposit, total at close of day, and total chargeable to treasurer. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 17 x 3. 12 vols., 1908-29, treasurer's ^{vt.} vasesment vt.; 4 vols., 1930-v, treasurer's vt.

359. POSTINGS, DAILY CASH RECORD, 1929--. 9 file boxes; and 1 drawer.

Record of treasurer's daily cash receipts and disbursements, showing date, and no. of receipts, ~~name~~ from whom received, to whom paid, warrant no., purpose, amount, what account, and cash at close of day. Arr. chron. 9 boxes, 12 x 12 x 24; 1 drawer, 11 x 15 x 28. Treasurer's basement vt.

For earlier records, see entry 364; for later records, see entry 361.

360. MONTHLY BALANCE RECORD, 1893--. 8 vols. 1894-1912, missing.

Record of monthly cash received and disbursed from revenue and miscellaneous funds, showing dates, no. of account, kind of fund, to whom paid, from whom received, amount, and balance. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 200 pp. 18 x 18 x 1. 6 vols., 1893-1934, treasurer's basement vt.; 2 vols., 1935--, auditor's off.

361. RECORD OF RECEIPTS, 1853--. 89 vols., (1-1, 2-2, 2-11, and

75 vols., not numbered). 1904-12, 1916, missing. Variation:

REGISTER OF RECEIPTS: MISCELLANEOUS: RECEIPTS: TREASURER'S STATEMENTS.

Receipts and Disbursements(continued)

Record of tax and miscellaneous cash receipts, showing date, no. of receipt, source, kind of fund, account, amount, from whom received, and total. Arr. chron. ^{and numerically} Hdw. on printed form. 320 pp. 16 x 12 x 3. 80 vols., 1853-1931, treasurer's basement vt.; 5 vols., 1928-- , treasurer's off. vt.; 1 vol., 1853-1911, auditor's basement vt.; 3 vols., 1915-19, auditor's off. vt.

362. APPROPRIATIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS, 1899-- . 33 vols. (2-9, 11, 13, 14, and 22 vols. not numbered). 1915-18, missing.

Record of appropriations and disbursements, showing dates of appropriation and disbursement, amount, account, fund, date and no. of warrant, to whom issued, and balance. Arr. chron. Hdw. on printed form. 545 pp. 13 x 9 x 2. Treasurer's basement vt.

363. TREASURER'S CASH BOOK OF DISBURSEMENTS ON AUDITOR'S WARRANTS, 1911-12. 1 vol.

Record of treasurer's disbursements on auditor's warrants, showing date, no. of warrant, amount, to whom drawn, date redeemed, ^{what} account, appropriation no., and ledger. Arr. by warrant no. Hdw. on printed form. 700 pp. 17 x 13 x 3. Treasurer's basement vt.

364. LEDGER, 1837-1916. 15 vols. (A-H, F, and 6 vols. not numbered).

Record of receipts and disbursements, showing dates received, and disbursed, purpose, receipt no., to whom, from whom, amount, account, and fund. Arr. alph. by names of payee and payer. Hdw. on printed form. 215 pp. 14 x 10 x 3. Auditor's basement vt.

Receipts and Disbursements(continued)

365. COURT OFFICERS' FUND, 1899. 1 vol.

Record of salary fund for court officers, showing date, name, office held, amount of salary, and balance. Arr. alph. by name of officer. Hdw. on printed form. 300 pp. 18 x 17 x 2. Treasurer's basement vt.

. For earlier records, see entry 364.

366. TREASURER'S REGISTER OF WARRANTS AND DEPOSITORY BALANCES, 1909-18. 4 vols. (2,2-3, and 1 vol. not numbered).

Variation: STATEMENT OF FUNDS DEPOSITED AND WARRANTS MADE PAYABLE.

Record of warrants and depository balances, showing date and amount of deposit, name of depository, from whom, date, no., amount of warrant, *numerical* to whom paid, nature, and balance. Arr. *chron.* Hdw. on printed form. 700 pp. 18 x 13 x 3. Treasurer's basement vt.

For earlier records, see entry 363: for later records, see entry 361.

367. WARRANTS AND DEPOSITORY BALANCES, 1932--. 1 drawer.

Record of daily cash balances, showing date, checks drawn, amount of deposits, name of depository, total, and balance. Arr. chron. 11 x 15 x 28. Treasurer's basement vt.

For earlier records, see entry 366, 363.

368. CANCELED WARRANTS, 1932--. 7 file boxes.

Canceled warrants in payment of expenditures, showing date, to whom issued, purpose, no., and amount. Arr. by warrant no. 10 x 5 x 14. Treasurer's basement vt.

Prior to 1873 the school system in the townships and the county was conducted by various bodies which date back to 1818. They consisted of a congressional township superintendent of schools, township school trustees, and a county school commissioner.

By an act of 1873, a county board of education was created. The board was comprised of the county superintendent of schools, the township trustees of the county, and the school trustee of each city and town of the county.

By an act of 1877 the membership of the board was changed to consist of the superintendent of schools, the township trustees, and the chairman of school trustees of each city and town.

The inception date of this board in Lake County is 1873.

The duties of the board are to take care of the general needs of the schools, maintenance of school property, and purchase of furniture, books, maps, charts, and other supplies. Its powers also include appointment of a county attendance officer upon the nomination of the county superintendent, and approval of appointment of an agricultural agent (q.v.). The board also may purchase textbooks from publishers and sell them to pupils at cost. (Acts 1873, 1877; Burns 1933 Stat., 28-801.)

No records could be found.

In 1873, by legislative enactment, the office of county superintendent of schools was created. This officer is elected by the township trustees and serves for a term of four years. The candidate must have had five years of successful experience as a teacher in the public schools, and at the time of his election he must hold a superintendent's license. He must give bond for five thousand dollars. (Acts 1873; Burns 1933 Stat., 28-702).

The inception date of this office in Lake County is 1873. All records of this office are located in the courthouse in Crown Point, unless otherwise stated.

The superintendent exercises general supervision of the schools of Lake County. He visits schools while they are in session, conducts teacher's institutes, and calls meetings of teachers of Lake County schools once each month in the school year. He makes out the basis of apportionment of school revenues from the enumeration. He presides over the county board of education and receives applications for school aid relief. (Acts 1933; Burns, 1933 Stat., 28-901 to 28-911).

Activities and Reports

369. APPLICATIONS, 1933--. 2 file boxes.

Applications filed with superintendent of schools for position in some department of school system, showing kind of position, name of applicant, date, age, experience, and salary expected. Arr. chron.

12 x 10 x 5. Superintendent's off.

Activities and Reports (continued)

370. JOURNAL, 1900-1908. 2 vols.

Record of school book purchases, showing amount due, to whom payable; record of no. of pupils enrolled under each teacher and their records, showing age, sex, color, grades, attendance, and times tardy. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 10 x 6 x 2. Superintendent's off.

371. TRUSTEE BOOK REPORT; TABULATED TEXT BOOK RECORD, 1907-10.

2 vols.

Reports of sale of school text books, listing books being used, showing type of book, number, date of sale, amount, and from whom bought.

1 vol., no index; 1 vol., arr. alph. by name of school. Hdw. 125 pp. 18 x 7 x 1. Superintendent's off.

372-373. VISITING RECORD, 1884-1917. 7 vols., 2 file boxes.

Vols., 1886-1904, missing.

Record of superintendent visiting schools of county, showing date, name of school, report on qualities of teachers, enrollment of various grades, condition of school, and supplies needed. Arr. chron. Vols., hdw. Vols., 100 pp. 6 x 4 x $\frac{1}{2}$; file boxes, 4 x 8 x 16. Superintendent's off.

374. OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE, 1888--. 27 file boxes (A-Z, and 3 file boxes not numbered).

Letters pertaining to the official business of county superintendent of schools. Arr. chron. 1 box, 6 x 8 x 20; 24 boxes, 4 x 4 x 10; 2 boxes, 14 x 18 x 28. Superintendent's off.

Activities and Reports(continued)

Enumeration

375. ENUMERATION FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES, 1896-1932. 8 file boxes.

Record of enumeration of school children for purposo of state appropriation, showing name of child, parents, age, sex, color, place of birth, and grade. Arr. chron. 12 x 12 x 16. Treasurer's outer basement vt.

Teachers

376. TEACHERS' APPLICATIONS, 1935--. 1 file box.

Applications of teachers for positions, showing name, address, qualifications, and reforencos. Arr. alph. by name of applicant. 16 x 8 x 4. Superintendent's off.

377. TEACHERS' AND BUS DRIVERS' ADDRESSES, 1935--. 1 file box.

Record of addresses of teachers and bus drivers employed in township schools, showing name and address only. Arr. alph. by names of principals of schools. 10 x 6 x 5. Superintendent's off.

378. TEACHERS' RECORDS, 1905--. 2 file boxes.

Record of teachers' qualifications, showing addresses, school attended, year of graduation, type of license, grade, serial no. of license, and subject taught in high school. Arr. chron. 15 x 8 x 6. Superintendent's off.

Activities and Reports--Teachers (continued)

379. RECORD OF TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS, 1887--. 7 vols. (1-2, and 5 vols. not numbered).

Record of teachers' qualifications and examination grades, showing name, address, sex, grade by subjects, experience, and length of license. For index, see entry 380. Hdw. 200 pp. 13 x 11 x 2. Superintendent's off.

380. INDEX TEACHERS EXAMINATION RECORD, 1887--. 2 vols.

Index to entry 379, showing teacher's address, page no., and date of hire or rejection. Arr. alph. by names of teachers. Hdw. 250 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Superintendent's off.

381. RECORD OF HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS, 1897-1932. 2 vols.

Records of high school teachers of county, showing name, address, license, length taught, grades, and success marks. Arr. chron. Hdw. 100 pp. 12 x 7 x 1. Superintendent's off.

382. LICENSES RENEWED, 1908-22. 1 vol.

List of teachers whose licenses have been renewed, showing qualifications, name, address, date, term of license. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 14 x 8 x 1. Superintendent's off.

383. RECORD OF LAKE COUNTY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION, 1883-1901.
1 vol.

Minutes of the meetings of the association, showing business transactions for benefits of county schools. Arr. chron. Hdw. Condition poor. 150 pp. 12 x 9 x 2. Superintendent's off.

Activities and Reports (continued)

Pupils

384. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE, 1900-1905. 2 file boxes.

Record of students attending the various grades of township schools, showing names of pupils, name of school, and grade. Arr. alph. by name of pupil. 12 x 6 x 2. Superintendent's off.

For later records, see entry 355.

385. SCHOLARSHIP RECORDS, 1900--. 2 file boxes.

Record of pupils in schools, showing name and address, subjects, length of study, grade, attendance, school, pupils' rating in classes, and physical rating. Arr. alph. by township; thereunder, by name of pupil. 16 x 8 x 4. Superintendent's off.

386. OFFICIAL REPORT, 1885--. 8 file boxes; 1 file cabinet.

Report from each school to county superintendent of schools, showing attendance, deportment of pupils, and condition of each department of school and buildings. Arr. chron. Files, 4 x 12 x 14; cabinet, 12 x 24 x 12. Superintendent's off.

387. RECORD, 1922--. 1 vol.

Record of grades made by students under various teachers, showing names of student and teacher, grades, school, success of teacher, years taught, license, salary, and no. of pupils. Arr. by school unit. 152 pp. 14 x 10 x 1. Superintendent's off.

For earlier records, see entry 390.

Activities and Reports -- Pupils(continued)

388. SCHOOL EXAMINER'S REPORT, 1866-98. 1 vol.

Records of all pupils of townships, showing percentage, grades by subjects, with date of examination, length of term, and examination grade. Indexed alph. by name of student. Hdw. 360 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Superintendent's off.

389. RECORD OF COMMON SCHOOL GRADUATES, 1884--. 3 vols.

Record of grammar school students, showing name, age, sex, address, grading in subjects, names of teachers and county superintendent. Arr. chron. Hdw. 120 pp. 16 x 8 x 1. Superintendent's off.

390. SCHEDULE OF SUCCESS ITEMS, 1920-27. 3 vols.

Record of students under various teachers, and success of teachers, showing qualifications, and relations of teachers to community. Arr. alph. by name of student. Hdw. 200 pp. 16 x 7 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$. Superintendent's off.

For later records, see entry 387.

391. DISTRIBUTION AND AVERAGE SHEET, 1900--. 2 file boxes;
4 bundles.

Record kept to diagnose and properly place pupils in grade according to mental qualifications, showing past grading, physical rating, names of pupils, age, grade, and name of school. No index. Files, 4 x 8 x 12; bundles, 12 x 8 x 3 and 9 x 14 x 3. 2 file boxes, 1900--, superintendent's off.; 4 bundles, 1915-22, auditor's basement vt. 115.

Activities and Reports --Pupils(continued)

392. TEACHERS' PLANS AND PUPILS WORK, 1933--. 8 file boxes.
Record of teachers' program and plans, methods of training, and reports of the accomplishments of each student, showing name of student, sex, type of work, and grading. Arr. chron. 12 x 14 x 30. Superintendent's off.

393. TEACHERS' MONTHLY REPORTS, 1920-~~19~~32. 2 file boxes.
Record of teachers' reports to superintendent, showing attendance, tardiness, grades. Arr. by townships; thereunder, alph. by names of pupils. 4 x 8 x 16. Superintendent's off.

By legislative enactment in 1891, the office of health commissioner was created. This officer is elected by the county commissioners to serve for a term of four years. The inception date of the records of this office in Lake County is 1882. From 1882 until 1891 the records were kept by the county board of health, composed of the township trustees, a mayor, the common council of each city in the county, and the board of county commissioners. After the establishment of the health commissioner the board was abolished. The inception date of this office in Lake County is 1891. All records are located in the courthouse in Crown Point, unless otherwise stated.

It is the duty of the health commissioner to safeguard the health, and to promote sanitary systems for the citizens of the county. He is also required to study and check contagious diseases in the various communities, wherever and whenever possible, and advise and counsel various persons interested in the control of diseases. He is required to maintain records of births, deaths, and marriages, make dairy inspections, and hold examinations of pupils in the various schools of Lake County at regular intervals. (Acts 1891; Sec. 35-108, Burns, Ind. Stat. Ann. 1933.)

394. RECORD OF RETURN OF BIRTHS, 1880--. 8 vols.

Record of all births in county, showing date, parents, place of birth, sex, color, and name of doctor attending. Arr. chron. Hdw. 100 pp. 18 x 12 x 1. Health Commissioner's off., 1st floor.

395-396. RECORD OF DANGEROUS DISEASES, 1882--. 7 vols.

1894-1901, missing. Title variation: Record of Returns
of Diseases.

Record of all contagious diseases, showing name, age, sex, color,
address, disease, duration of illness, and result. Arr. chron. Hdw.
125 pp. 18 x 12 x 1. Crown Point, C.C., 1 vol., 1882-93, clerk's
basement vt. 3; 6 vols., 1902--, health commissioner's off.

397. RECORD OF DEATHS, 1899--. 6 vols.

Record of deaths, showing names, sex, color, age, ~~age~~, place of birth,
mother's name, name of parents, birthplace, informant's name and address,
date of filing, and register no. Arr. chron. Hdw. 100 pp. 18 x 12 x 1.
Health Commissioner's off.

398. SCHOOL HEALTH RECORDS, 1934--. 47 file boxes.

Health records of school children, showing medical examination,
nurse's inspection, disease experience, immunization, and summary of
school nursing service. Arr. by names of school and grade. Hdw. 6 x 8
x 11. County Nurse's off.

399. HOME HEALTH SURVEY, 1934--. 12 file boxes.

History of parents of school children, including disease experience,
social relations, locations, surroundings, condition of dwellings, water
supply, toilet facilities, and means of milk supply. Arr. numerically
by case. Hdw. 9 x 6 x 18. County Nurse's off.

400. HOME SANITATION SURVEY AND MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS, 1920--.

43 file boxes.

Reports of complete sanitation survey of homes, showing location, owner
or occupant, surroundings, material of construction, heat, light,

drainage, roof, foundation, interior furnishing, water, toilets, garage, and name of inspector. Arr. chron. 11 x 8 x 6. Health Commissioner's off.

401. NURSE SERVICE, Jan.-Dec., 1936. 1 manila folder.

Weekly reports of county nurses, showing patients and schools visited, analysis of work, and children excused from school for breach of rules of health. Arr. alph. by name of nurse. 9 x 12 x 3. County Nurse's off.

The board of public welfare of Lake County consists of five persons having a recognized interest in and knowledge of the problems of public welfare. The board is appointed by the judge of the circuit court; at least two members must be women and not more than three members may be adherents of any one political party. (Acts 1936; spc. sess.; 1933 Stat., 1936 suppl. 52-1118.)

The inception date of this board in Lake County is 1936. The records are located in the courthouse in Crown Point.

Subject to the rules and regulations of the state department of public welfare, the county board is charged with the administration of assistance to dependent children in their own homes, old age assistance, services and assistance to persons otherwise handicapped, the care and treatment of dependent, neglected, and handicapped children, children in danger of becoming delinquent, and other welfare activities as may be delegated to it by the state department of public welfare, under the provisions of the act, including services connected with assistance to the blind. (Acts 1936; spc. sess.; Burns 1933 Stat., 1936 suppl., 52-1120.)

The director, who is appointed by the board of public welfare of Lake County under the supervision of the circuit court, performs the functions of probation officer and agent of the court. (Acts 1936; Burns, 1933 Stat., 1936, suppl. 52-1119, 52-1120.)

All jurisdiction vested in county boards pertaining to welfare work was transferred to the board of public welfare in 1936 (Acts 1936; Burns, *ibid.*, 1933, 52-1408).

402. APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE, 1936--. 1 file box.

Notice of filing for appointment to public welfare board, and approved bonds, showing final appointments as directors to board. Arr. chron.

4 x 10 x 13. Clerk's main vt.

The county surveyor is a constitutional officer, elected for a term of two years without restriction on reelection. (Acts 1852; Burns Stat. 1933, 49-3301). He must give bond in a sum fixed by the board of county commissioners. (Ind. Const. art. 6, sec. 2; 1 Ind. Rev. Stat. 1852; Burns 49-3302).

The inception date of this office in Lake County is 1837.

The surveyor has charge, under direction of the county commissioners, of all surveying and civil engineering work of the county. No professional qualifications are required either by constitution or statute. If the surveyor elected is not a registered engineer, an assistant must be employed to perform the engineering duties of the office. (1 Ind. Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1911; Burns 49-3309.)

The duties of the office are of two classes, public and private. The surveyor prepares plans and specifications for public improvements and has charge of the construction and maintenance of drainage ditches in the county. He removes, after examination, the obstruction of any streams. He also has charge of the maintenance and repair of county highways, bridges, and culverts unless the county commissioners, as permitted by statute, employ a highway supervisor (q.v.) (ibid.) For private parties, he takes acknowledgments of mortgages and deeds for the conveyance of real estate (Acts 1857; Burns ibid., 49-3317,) and, upon request, runs boundary lines of farms and lots. (1 Ind. Rev. Stat. 1852; Acts 1875; Burns 36-1110, 36-1111.)

Surveys and Reports

403. RECORD OF SURVEYS, 1834--. 8 vols. (3, 1-7).

Description of surveys of the county, showing twp., range, sec., acres, or no. of lots, city or town, and a drawing of each survey. Vols., 1-3 -5-7, indexed by name of survey; vols., 2-4-6, no index. Hdw. 300 pp. 18 x 12 x 2. Crown Point, C.C., surveyor's record rm.

404. INDEX OF SURVEYS, . not dated. 1 vol.

Index to entry 403, showing sec., no. twp., range no., and book and page no. Arr. by subdivisions of county. Hdw. 180 pp. 14 x 9 x 1. Crown Point, C.C., surveyor's record rm.

405. SURVEYOR'S FIELD NOTES, 1903--. 199 vols. (1-143, 1A-56A.)

Record of field notes by surveyor for use in making maps, showing location of land, rivers, towns, sec., range, acres, twps., land measurements, and notes. No index. Hdw. 75 pp. 7 x 4 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Gary, C. C., surveyor's off.

406. SURVEYOR'S FIELD RECORDS, 1905--. 105 vols. (1-3, 5-7, 9-29, 31-63, 65-75, 77-83, 91-96, 98-104, 106-107, 112-113, 115, 119-121, 125.)
Vols. 4, 6, 8, 30, 64, 76, 89, 90, 97, 105, 108-111, 114, 116-118, 122 -124, 126, missing.

Record of surveyor's work in the field, showing various measurements and levels, and location important points. No index. Hdw. 125 pp. 7 x 5 x $\frac{5}{8}$. Crown Point, C.C., surveyor's record rm.

407. SURVEYOR'S RECORDS, 1929--. 13 file boxes.

Record of plans and specifications of bridges, ditches, and roads, showing size, length, width, material, construction plans, and report of

Surveys and Reports (continued)

viewers. Arr. by title of project; see ontry 400. 24 x 16 x 12.

Gary, C.C., surveyor's off.

408. INDEX TO SURVEYOR'S RECORDS, not dated. 1 file box.

Card index to entry 407, showing name of subject, and no. of folio.

Arr. alph. by title of project. 16 x 12 x 5. Gary, C.C., surveyor's off.

Construction Plans and Specifications

409. ROADS, 1929-31. 20 file boxes. (1-20).

Record of roads, showing drawing of road, date of record, name and location, name of surveyor, and filing date. Arr. alph. by name of road. 12 x 14 x 6. Crown Point, C.C., surveyor's record rm.

410. BRIDGE RECORDS, 1899-1932. 40 file boxes. (1-40).

Record of bridges, showing plans, material used, locations, and name of surveyor. Arr. alph. by name of bridge. 11 x 14 x 6. Crown Point, C.C., surveyor's record rm.

411. DITCHES, 1913-31. 60 file boxes. (1-60).

Record of all ditches, showing drawing of ditch, depth, width, length, location, and name of surveyor. Arr. alph. by name of ditch. 28 x 24 x 3. Crown Point, C.C., surveyor's record rm.

412. INDEX TO VAULT, 1930. 1 vol.

Index to records of bridges, ditches, maps, plats, and road surveys, showing dates, location, and page. by twp. Arr. alph. by name of construction. Hdw. 100 pp. 14 x 8 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Crown Point, C.C., surveyor's record rm.

Construction Plans and Specifications (continued)

413. GUIDE TO INDEX, not dated. 1 vol.

Information as to filing of data on bridges, ditches, and roads, showing dates. and locations. Arr. alph. by name of construction. Hdw. 100 pp. 18 x 8 x 5/8. Crown Point, C.C., surveyor's record rm.

Maps and Plats

414. ORIGINAL PLAT RECORDS, 1835-1929. 3 vols. (1-3).

Original plats of Lake County surveyed by U. S. Government, and plats of twps., by subdivisions, showing name of subdivisions, date of survey, name of surveyor, and date of filing. Indexed alph. by name of subdivisions, 1835-1921, hdw.; 1922-29, hdw. and photostat.. Condition fair. 18 pp. 26 x 34 x 1 1/2. Crown Point, C.C., surveyor's off.

415. LAKE COUNTY TOWNSHIPS, not dated. 125 drawings.

Unfinished political drawings of Lake County twps. Blueprint. Scale varies. Size varies. Gary, C.C., surveyor's off.

416. LAKE COUNTY, 1936. 200 maps.

Communications maps of Lake County, showing all improved and unimproved roads. Drawn by E.F. Schoenbeck, Gary, Indiana. Printed. Scale, 1 3/4" to 1 mile. 37 x 16. Gary, C.C., surveyor's off.

417. LAKE COUNTY, 1932. 11 maps.

Communications maps of Lake County, showing all roads. Drawn by Edmund Slattery, Hammond, Indiana. Colored. Scale, 1 1/2" to 1 mile. 16 x 21. Gary, C.C., surveyor's off.

Maps and Plats (continued)

418. LAKE COUNTY, 1931. 1 map.

Political map of Lake County, showing land, ownership of each twp., range, and sec. Drawn by C. K. Wallace and Carl W. Lonnertz, ~~Hammond~~, Indiana. Colored. Scale, 3" to 1 mile. 132 x 48. Gary, C.C., surveyor's off.

419. LAKE COUNTY, 1927--. 34 maps. (1-30, and 4 not numbered.)

Political maps of Lake County, showing twps., rivers, railroads, secs., ranges, and roads. Black and white. Scale varies. Size varies. Gary, C.C., surveyor's off.

420. LAKE COUNTY, 1917. 1 map.

Political map of Lake County, showing acres in sec., and owners of land in Lake County. Drawn by Ray Seely. Colored. Scale, 3" to mile. 48 x 120. Crown Point, C.C., surveyor's record rm.

421. LAKE COUNTY, 1891. 1 map.

Semiphysical and political maps of Lake County, showing names and location of old graves established by pioneer settlers, old Indian trails of 1837, old plank road of Civil Wars days, and Peoria mail route of 1837. Drawn by T.G. Ball. Printed. Scale, 1" to mile. 44 x 26. Crown Point, C.C., surveyor's off.

422. LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA HIGHWAY MAP, 1935. 1 map.

Political map of Lake County, showing different type of roads, construction and marking of roads, and state and county roads. Drawn by Robert H. Atchison. Colored. Scale, 3" to 1 mile. 120 x 54. Crown Point, C.C., surveyor's off.

Maps and Plats (continued)

423. COUNTY, not dated. 1 file cabinet.

Political maps, and plats of county, showing towns, twps., highways, and roads. Blueprints. Scale varies. Size varies. Gary, C.C., surveyor's off.

424. NORTH TOWNSHIP OF LAKE COUNTY, 1936. 300 maps.

Political maps of North ^{twps.}, showing all precincts in twps. Drawn by E. F. Schoenbeck. Published at Gary, Indiana. Printed. No scale given. 10 x 47. Gary, C.C., surveyor's off.

425. PRECINCT MAPS OF CALUMET AND HOBART TOWNSHIPS, 1936. 350 maps.

Political map of Calumet and Hobart, showing all twps^{and} precincts. Drawn by E. F. Schoenbeck. Published at Gary, Indiana. Printed. No scale given. 17 x 16. Gary, C.C., surveyor's off.

426. CROWN POINT, INDIANA, not dated. 1 map.

Political map of Crown Point, showing original plat of Crown Point, with names of the original owners of the property. Published by Geo. W. Fisher. Blueprint. Scale, $3\frac{1}{4}"$ to mile. 60 x 54. Crown Point, C.C., surveyor's record rm.

427. CITY OF GARY, 1915-~~1917~~. 1 vol.

Political maps of City of Gary. Published by Sandborn Map Co., New York City. Colored. 82 pp. 26 x 25 x $1\frac{1}{2}"$. Gary, C.C., surveyor's off.

428. LOWELL, INDIANA, 1909. 1 map.

Political map of Lowell, showing sec. division? Drawn by F. L. Knight & Sons. Published at Crown Point, Indiana. Blueprint. Scale, 1" to 100 ft. 60 x 36. Crown Point, C.C., surveyor's record rm.

Maps and Plats (continued)

429. TOWN OF LOWELL, INDIANA, 1896. 1 map.

Outline of the properties of the original settlers in the town, including the old original mill site and old channel. Drawn by Griggs & Ames. Blueprints. Scale, 1" to 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ rods. 60 x 42. Crown Point, C.C., surveyor's record rm.

430. WHITING, INDIANA, not dated. 1 vol.

Political maps of Whiting, showing quarter of one quarter sec.. of city. Blueprints. Scale, 1" to 1 mile. 20 pp. 18 x 14 x $\frac{1}{2}$. Gary, C.C., surveyor's off.

Roads, from pioneer times, were under local supervision. From 1879 to 1933 the county commissioners constituted a board of turn-pike directors, serving as supervisors, each in his own district. In 1913 the county highways were placed in charge of a superintendent of highways, who was appointed by the county commissioners for a term of four years. Some records bear his name and title. This office was established in 1913 (Acts 1913, ch. 330, sec. 1), and abolished March 1, 1933; and the power and duties given to the surveyor. (Acts 1933 Burns 1933 Stat., 36-1113.)

In order to provide for necessary supervision in counties warranting more attention than the surveyor can give, the board of county commissioners has the right to employ, at its option, a highway supervisor (Acts 1933; Burns 1933 Stat., 36-1110). The board of commissioners of Lake County has appointed a separate highway supervisor.

The inception date of this office in Lake County is 1933. All records of this office are located in the courthouse in Crown Point, unless otherwise stated.

The highway supervisor oversees the maintenance and repair of all highways, bridges, and culverts of the county, and has the authority to fix the limits of loads carried over them. It is his duty to see that the mail routes are kept open. He must attend the annual road school at Purdue University. (Acts 1933; Burns 1933 Stat., 36-1101 to 36-1110.)

431. HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT RECORDS, 1914--. 17 vols. (2 sets 1, 2 sets 3-9, and 1 vol. not numbered). Vol. 2, missing.

Record of expenditures for gravel road repairs and construction, showing costs of labor, material, hardware, tools, and location of road. Arr. chron. Hdw. 250 pp. 18 x 14 x 2. Hammond, C.C., 12 vols., 1914--, clerk's record rm.; Crown Point, C.C., 5 vols., 1927-30, highway supervisor's off.

432. LEDGER APPROPRIATIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS, HIGHWAY SUPT., 1931--. 1 vol.

Record of appropriations and disbursements of highway department of county, showing claim no., name of claimant, amount of claim, date, amount of appropriations, overdrafts, total balance. Arr. by claim number. Hdw. 100 pp. 14 x 11 x 1. Highway supervisor's off.

433. COMPLETED ROADS, 1900--. 10 vols.

Record of material furnished for the upkeep of completed roads, showing name of roads, itemized statement of costs, and date road was finished. Arr. chron. Hdw. 50 pp. 16 x 21 x 3/4. Highway supervisor's off.

434. RECORD OF ROAD REPAIRS EXPENSE, 1932. 1 vol.

Record of road repair expenses, showing date repaired, itemized statement of material and costs, labor, material, and truck expense. Arr. chron. Hdw. 300 pp. 12 x 10 x 1. Supervisor's off.

435. HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS TO LAKE CO. HIGHWAY COMMISSION, 1915-16. 1 vol.

Report of material purchased, and nature of material for various highways, and costs. Arr. chron. Hdw. 200 pp. 20 x 16 x 2 1/2. Hammond, C.C., clerk's record rm.

436. LAKE COUNTY BRIDGE MAP, 1930¹¹. 1 map.

Political map showing locations of bridges in Lake County. Drawn by Brad. Woodward. Printed. Scale, $1\frac{1}{2}$ " to 1 mi. 72 x 32. Highway supervisor's off.

437. CALUMET AND HOBART TOWNSHIPS, 1928. 1 map.

Political map of Calumet and Hobart¹¹ townships, showing precinct divisions. Drawn by C. Kellar Wallace. Printed. Scale, 1" to 1000 ft. 24 x 36. Highway supervisor's off.

438. T(OWNSHI)P, 33 N(ORTH) RANGES, 9 and 10 W(EST) OF 2nd.

PRINCIPAL) M(ERIDIAN), 1936. 1 map.

Political map showing township 33, north ranges 9 and 10 west of second principal meridian, and outline of old Mill Pond site of 1837. Drawn by Ed. F. Schoenbock. Blueprint. Scale, 1" to 1000 ft. 42 x 42. Highway supervisor's off.

439. T(OWNSHI)P 36, RANGE 7, W(EST) OF 2nd. P(RINCIPAL) M(ERIDIAN), 1936. 1 map.

Political map showing congressional township 36, range 7 west of 2nd principal meridian, and latest data of Palmer, Ind., original settlement. Drawn by Ed. F. Schoenbock. Blueprint. Scale, 1" to 1000 ft. 42 x 30. Highway supervisor's off.

440. T(OWNSHI)P 34 NORTH RANGE 8 W(EST) OF 2nd. PRINCIPAL M(ERIDIAN), 1936. 1 map.

Political map of congressional township 34, north range 8. west of 2nd. principal meridian. Drawn by Ed. F. Schoenbock. Blueprint. Scale, 1" to 1000 ft. 36 x 36. Highway supervisor's off.

441. LAKE COUNTY T(OWNSHI)P 35 RANGE 8 of 2nd. P(RINCIPAL) M(ERIDIAN),
1936. 1 map.

Political map of townships 35 range 8 of 2nd. principal meridian.

Drawn by Ed. F. Schoenbeck, Crown Point, Ind. Blueprint. Scale, 1" to 1000 ft. 42 x 36. Highway supervisor's off.

442. LAKE COUNTY POOR ASYLUM, 1930. 12 maps.

Political maps showing detailed information of county poor asylums.

Drawn by Ed. F. Schoenbeck, Crown Point. Blueprint. Scale, 1" to 1000 ft. 24 x 36. Highway supervisor's off.

443. W. B. JENNINGS ROAD, NORTH TOWNSHIP, LAKE COUNTY. Not dated.
8 blueprints.

Plans of W. B. Jennings Road, North Township. Drawn by Ed. F. Schoenbeck, Crown Point, Ind. Blueprints. Scale, 1" to 1000 ft. 36 x 24. Highway supervisor's off.

444. BEAVER DAM DITCH, 1917. 1 blueprint.

Plans of Beaver Ditch, showing length, width, and depth, name of owners of land affected, and lateral ditches. Drawn by Ed. F. Schoenbeck, Crown Point, Ind. Blueprint. Scale, 1" to 1000 ft. 36 x 24. Highway supervisor's off.

445. BOTHWELL DITCH, not dated. 1 blueprint.

Plans of Bothwell Ditch, showing a diagram of all lateral ditches, with specifications related to source. Drawn by Ed. F. Schoenbeck, Crown Point, Ind. Blueprint. Scale, 1" to 1000 ft. Highway supervisor's off.

446. FOSS DITCH NO. 2, 1924. 6 blueprints.

Plans of Foss Ditch no. 2, showing detail information regarding ditch depth, length, width, and name of land owners affected. Drawn by Ed. F. Schoenbeck, Crown Point, Ind. Blueprint. Scale; 1" to 1000 ft. 36 x 18. Highway supervisor's off.

447. WILLIAMS DITCH, not dated. 1 blueprint.

Plans of Williams Ditch, showing location, width, depth, length, and owners of land affected. Drawn by Ed. F. Schoenbeck, Crown Point, Ind. Blueprint. Scale, 1" to 1000 ft. 108 x 30. Highway supervisor's off.

448. STONEY RUN DITCH, not dated. 1 blueprint.

Plans of Stoncy Run Ditch, showing width, depth, length, course, and water shed boundaries. Drawn by Ed. F. Schoenbeck, Crown Point, Ind. Blueprint. Scale, to 1" to 1000 ft. 36 x 72. Highway supervisor's off.

The office of agricultural agent was created by the legislature in 1913. The act provides that this office shall come into existence whenever twenty or more residents of a county who are actively interested in agriculture and domestic science, file a petition with the county board of education. The petition is then presented to the county council, which must provide appropriation for a salary and expenses for maintenance of this office. The board of education then applies to Purdue University for the appointment of an agricultural agent. Such appointment is subject to the approval of both county and state boards of education, and is made annually, but reappointments may be made for two-year terms. The state also contributes, through the university, part of this officer's salary from the state educational funds. Both salary and expense accounts must be approved by Purdue University before payment by the county. (Acts 1913, 1923, 1927; Burns, 28-4911.)

The inception date of this office in Lake County is 1914.

The duties of the agricultural agent, under the supervision of Purdue University, include cooperation with movements for advancement of agriculture, farmers' institutes and clubs; giving advice to farmers on practical farm problems; conducting farm demonstrations and boys' and girls' clubs and contests; and aiding the county superintendent of schools in furnishing practical education in agriculture and domestic science (ibid.).

By an act of 1931, the home demonstration agent, who is supplemental to the county agent, was created (Acts 1931, Burns, 28-5627).

No records could be found.

